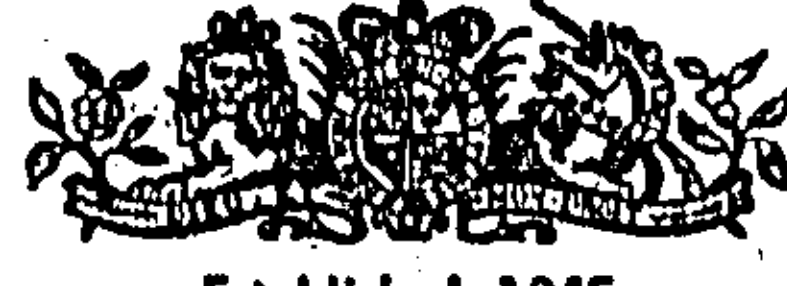




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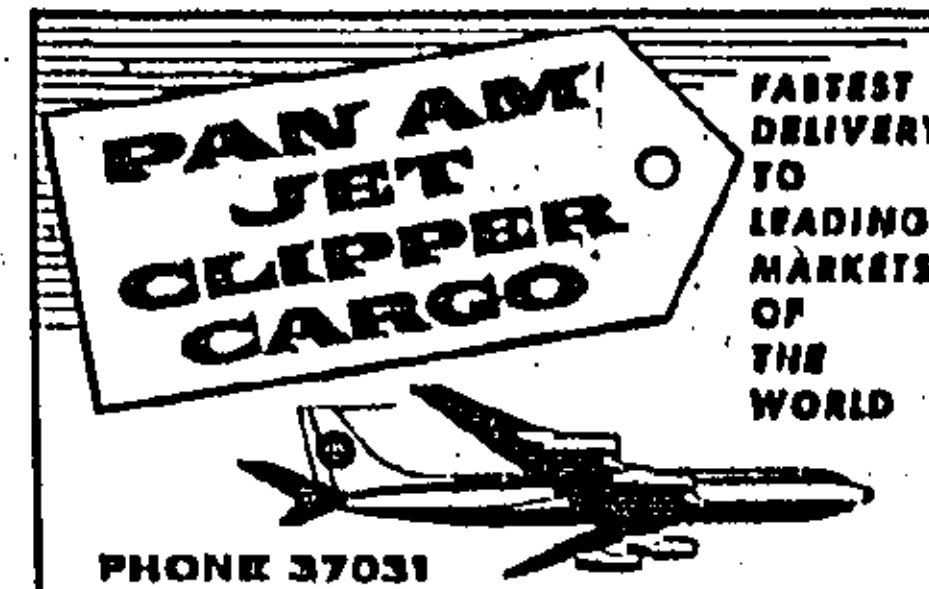
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WATER FROM CHINA?

THE biggest talking point of the Governor's annual review in the Legislative Council on Wednesday was the interest he expressed in a reservoir now being constructed on the Shumchun River by the Chinese Government. He was right to do so, even though there are risks in depending on large supplies of water from this source. Critics seem to forget that Hong Kong has been buying big quantities of food from the mainland in the postwar years. Surely there are equal dangers in relying on China for "these" — for Peking could cut off exports whenever it wanted to. But it is premature to criticise Government for investigating every possible way of augmenting supplies considering that consumption is rising as fast as the Colony's ability to build new reservoirs. It is not yet known how much water the Chinese can supply, or the price they are likely to ask, and it is doubtful if Government is looking for anything but temporary relief until Shek Pik and Plover Cove are completed. Until several important questions are answered, therefore, it will be no more than an interesting proposal.

THE decision to press on with Plover Cove, and possibly a similar but smaller project at Hebe Haven, signifies that the imaginative but also highly expensive proposal to distil sea water, using a nuclear plant, has been pigeonholed. And whether it will ever be revived depends as much on the scientists' ability to design plant capable of assuaging Hongkong's voracious thirst as upon the Colony's ability to afford it. At the moment it is estimated to cost \$900 million as against about \$350 million for Plover Cove. Clearly expenditure on this scale is out of the question as long as the colony is buckling for such heavy deficits. In the latest annual report, however, Government believes it is keeping abreast of the Colony's water needs. Says the report: "Forward planning does not lag behind the increases in population expected; although the supply of water will undoubtedly remain a difficult problem in the years ahead." Thus while Hongkong has no grounds for complacency, the water situation is no worse than it has ever been.

WITH careful rationing of supply, average rainfall, no serious technical mishaps, and possibly some help from the new Chinese reservoir, Hongkong should be able to get a sufficient minimum supply until its two new reservoirs come into operation at the end of this decade. Government is therefore to be commended for exploring every source of supply, even at the risk of incurring criticism from anti-Communist sections of the population, and many hope its initiative pays off.

Third plane crashes at Shannon killing 44

Shannon, Feb. 26. Hours after 61 people died in a mid-air collision over Rio de Janeiro, a big four-engined Italian airliner crashed on take-off here early this morning and 44 were reported killed and 15 injured.

Million dollar diamond robbery

New York, Feb. 25. Two young men robbed a shop in Phoenix, Arizona, of an estimated HK\$4 million to HK\$8 million in diamonds today. They entered the shop, tied up the clerk, Mrs. Lorraine Breeding, and disappeared with the jewellery. Mrs. Breeding said she thought the men were customers. They pulled out guns and ordered her to the rear of the store, where they bound her hands to a door. They apparently left through a back door and ran down an alley after scooping up the diamonds. Mrs. Breeding was able to loosen her bonds and ran out to sound the alarm. Mr. David Epstein, owner of the store, estimated the value of the stolen jewellery, but said he would be unable to determine the exact amount until an inventory was completed.—UPI.

UPROAR OVER BRITISH ARMY TESTS

London, Feb. 25. The British Army is to reinforce a ban on "initiative tests" which have called for soldiers killing show girls, getting into nudist camps and obtaining autographed intimate articles of women's clothing. A Labour MP, Mr. Norman Dods, asked in the House of Commons yesterday whether such tests implied the efficiency of a soldier in battle. He wondered what sort of instructions had been given to commanding officers about the nature and scope of initiative tests. "What sort of enemy do these commanding officers visualise?" he asked to a roar of laughter. He suggested the officers should be "thoroughly examined by psychiatrists." Mr. Hugh Fraser, Under-Secretary for War, said an Army Council instruction in 1956 forbade escapades of this kind. A reminder letter was sent to Commands last October.—China Mail Special.

Tyre puncture kills man

London, Feb. 25. A man was killed by a "wave blast of air" from a bursting lorry tyre, an inquest was told here. A victim of accidental death was passed on 19-year-old John Bartoot who was watching another man, initiate the tyre when it burst. Dr. David Bowen, pathologist, said the severe internal injuries which caused death appeared to have been caused by a "wave blast of air" transmitted to the internal organs. —China Mail Special.

The Italian airliner which belonged to Alitalia, was said to be on its way from Rome to the United States.

First reports said all aboard the big DC-7 airliner were killed, but later figures reported that 15 were critically hurt but still alive.

The only known eye-witness, a priest, said the plane struck the wall of a cemetery near the airport and its wheels were shorn off.

Ten million pieces

The airliner, which had taken on a full load of 7,000 gallons of petrol, blew into "10 million pieces," said Fr. Charles Comerford.

Bodies were scattered across a 300-yard area in the Irish coastal marshland.

Firemen fought more than an hour to douse the 50-foot high flames that roared up from the aircraft's tail assembly. The tail section was the only large portion left of the airliner.

A farmer, Michael Casey, said, "The whole hillside seemed aflame. All around came frightening, frightening moans. The dead were flung all about."

The weather was said to be clear when the accident occurred.—UPI.

Rio death toll stands at 61

Rio de Janeiro, Feb. 26. A U.S. Navy transport bringing a band to play for President Eisenhower and his guests collided with a Brazilian airliner a mile over Rio's bay today, plunging both planes into the water and killing 61 people.

The victims included 35 American navy men, including bandmen personally known to the President and Mrs. Eisenhower, and 26 Brazilians. There were three known survivors, all navy men. They were in good condition.

Overcast

The Navy DC-6 transport on a one-hour flight from Sao Paulo and the Brazilian Real Airlines DC-3 twin-engine transport on a trip from Santos, 200 miles southwest of here, collided while circling through overcast and drizzle at Santos Dumont airport in Rio proper. Within moments the planes had fallen into the sea.

President Eisenhower cancelled social functions tonight in shock and sorrow over the collision.

The President and his host, President Juscelino Kubitschek of Brazil, formally expressed "deepest regret" and hastened to the hospital in Rio to comfort the three known survivors.

The two Presidents learned of the tragedy as they were ending a six-hour visit to Sao Paulo.

Search ordered

Mr. Eisenhower personally ordered an intensive search for more possible survivors. He cancelled a reception for U.S. Embassy staff members and their families this afternoon and also a big reception for 700 people at the Embassy.

The Navy band was to have played at the reception.

The President decided to go ahead with a dinner he was scheduled to give for Dr. Kubitschek and other officials. It was ordered kept small and private.

The White House press secretary, Mr. James C. Hagerty, said Mr. Eisenhower "feels terrible about this tragic accident, particularly since he knew the band members personally."

But, Mr. Hagerty said, the disaster would not affect the rest of the tour. Mr. Eisenhower will go to Buenos Aires on Friday.—UPI.

DIES FROM ACCIDENT AT 104

Mrs. Agnes Roper, who would have been 104 next month, died yesterday after being involved in a minor motor accident. She was sister of the late Lord Lugard, former Governor of Hongkong in the early years of this century. Although deaf and blind, Mrs. Roper enjoyed drives into the countryside. A friend drove her yesterday and on the way home the car was involved in a slight collision. Mrs. Roper, who appeared to be shocked by the jolt, was taken to hospital and found to be dead.—China Mail Special.

Enforced 'holiday'

Nice, Feb. 25. About 1,000 East European political refugees in France will be given an enforced "holiday" in Corsica as a security measure during the visit of Mr. Nikita Khrushchev, the Soviet Prime Minister, from March 15 to 20, according to usually well-informed sources here.

Hotel-keepers in Corsica were reported to be "not displeased."

Airport fees

Regulations increasing landing fees at the Kai Tak Airport were published in today's Government Gazette. They come into operation on April 1.

Three wheels stolen from one car

Three complete wheels, to a total value of \$240, were removed and stolen from a car parked on the Central Reclamation early yesterday morning. At about the same time, thieves removed and stole the wheel of another car parked in the same locality.

Playing fields of Eton desecrated

by two coalmen

London, Feb. 25. The playing fields of Eton have been desecrated by two coalmen.

Those playing fields are the central legend of Eton Public School, near Windsor Castle.

The Duke of Wellington said the Battle of Waterloo was won on them. Prime Minister Harold Macmillan once drove cricket balls over their green sward.

The boys of Eton are forbidden to even walk there without permission and are caned or fined if they trespass on the spot.

SACRED GROUND

But the Daily Mail today describes how two coalmen, Frank Parkin, 36, and his mate, Peter Francis, 39, stole their lorry on to the sacred ground.

The discovery of the lorry tracks on the hallowed turf seems to have horrified Eton's housemasters and groundsmen. Coalmen Parkin and Francis drove their lorry on the field because they could not manoeuvre it out of an Eton yard after delivering 30 bags of coke.

Coalman Parkin is quoted as saying: "I thought there would be a fuss. Still, I reckon our wheel marks won't do any harm. The field is very muddy. The marks will help to irrigate it."

'BLOOMING FUSS'

Coolman Francis: "I've seen better ground than that in back gardens. What a blooming fuss. We've only been coalmen for a fortnight."

Mr. C. E. D. Chamer, housemaster of Wootton House, where the borders include Prince Richard of Gloucester and Prince Michael of Kent, is quoted as saying: "We shall forgive them. Obviously they did not know the secret of getting the lorry into the yard."

Meanwhile the two coalmen have decided to quit their trade. "Never again," said Parkin. "We were never cut out to be good coalmen."—China Mail Special.

16 sentenced to hang in Kassem plot

Baghdad, Feb. 25. The Iraqi People's Court tonight sentenced 16 people to be hanged for allegedly participating in the plot to assassinate Premier Abdel Karim Kassem on October 7.

Six of these sentenced to death appeared in court. The other 10 were among 20 who were tried in absentia.

Twelve others were sentenced to prison terms ranging from six months to 10 and a half years and eight were acquitted. Altogether, 70 persons were accused in this plot.—UPI.

Israel accuses UAR of warlike threats

United Nations, Feb. 25. Israel tonight accused President Nasser's United Arab Republic of building up a campaign of "open incitement to war" against her, and said that warlike threats, coupled with big military preparations in Egypt and Syria, had reached "dangerous dimensions."

In a letter to Sir Pierson Dixon of Britain, President of the Security Council, Israel said that if the area was to be calmed, the UAR "must abandon its policy of active hostility against Israel."

The warning—which asked for no other immediate action by the council except circulation of the letter—was made against a background of reports of a big Egyptian military build-up in northern Sinai and a further warning from President Nasser about Western "interference."

Mrs. Golda Meir, Israeli Foreign Minister, was meeting Britain's Ambassador to Israel, Sir Patrick Hennessey, tonight. One of four urgent meetings she has requested with the British, French, U.S. and Soviet Ambassadors tonight and tomorrow.

She has asked for the meeting to discuss the Sinai and Syria-Israel border build-up of Egyptian troops, a Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Tel Aviv.

Build-up

This build-up was reported in Israeli newspapers today to involve the movement of two divisions into Sinai from the Suez Canal area—the biggest military move since the 1956 Suez crisis.

One of the divisions was armed, the other infantry, and both had Soviet-made equipment, the reports said. Usually reliable Israeli sources added that Egyptian infantry had moved into the Gaza Strip between Egypt and Israel for the first time since the 1957 Israeli withdrawal.

Nasser's speech

President Nasser, in a speech at Dera, Syria, said any "interference" by Britain, France or the U.S. under the 1950 tripartite guarantee of Middle East status would be crushed.

He attacked the guarantee as favouring Israel and said "we are building our homeland with one hand and carrying arms with the other to defend our homeland, nationalism and Arabism."—Reuters.

HK factories

Factories and industrial undertakings registered by the Labour Department at the end of January numbered 3,008, according to statistics published in the Government Gazette today.

HOARDING OF CIGARETTES REPORTED

By A China Mail Reporter

Many Colony residents have bitterly complained that retailers were "hoarding" cigarette and tobacco supplies until the price increase came into effect.

A China Mail survey showed last night that many bars and general stores, especially in Kowloon, told customers that their stores of cigarettes were exhausted.

The General Manager of the British-American Tobacco Corporation, Mr. Johnson Hill said this morning that he officially received two complaints from people who reported shopkeepers withholding supplies of cigarettes.

He said that his corporation was not in any position to take official action. However, he added that the shopkeepers spoken of will be approached by the British-American Tobacco Corporation. A Kowloon bar owner last night said that there were even cases in other bars where they were charging the new prices for cigarettes.

This racket was aimed at American sailors, the bar-owner reported. The new prices officially operate from this morning.

Nasser's get out ultimatum

Cairo, Feb. 25. The United Arab Republic warned Israel through the United Nations to evacuate the demilitarised border zones during the coming weekend. Usually well-informed sources said this tonight. The new warning was believed to have been made at the UN yesterday, the sources said. An earlier warning issued through the UN Security Council by the UAR representative, Mr. Radda Asha, last week did not set a time limit for Israeli evacuation of the zones.—Reuters.

Royalty at wedding in mourning

London, Feb. 25. The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret yesterday observed family mourning when they attended the wedding of Miss Diana Bowes-Lyon and Mr. Peter Somervell at Westminster Abbey.

The 36-year-old bride, given away by her brother-in-law Prince George of Denmark, is a niece of the Queen Mother and a cousin of the Queen.

The Queen Mother and Princess Margaret, dressed in black, were mourning the deaths of Countess Mountbatten of Burma, and the Marquess of Carisbrooke, the last surviving grandson of Queen Victoria.

Only a few guests attended the ceremony in the Henry VII Chapel because the couple had requested that there should be "no publicity."

There were no bridesmaids and press representatives were not admitted to the Abbey.

Miss Bowes-Lyon is the daughter of the late Mr. John Bowes Lyon, a brother of the Queen Mother.

The bridegroom's father, the late Sir Arnold Somervell, was chairman of a shoe manufacturing company.—China Mail Special.

U.S. TEXTILE CAMPAIGN LAUNCHED

Washington, Feb. 25. The U.S. textile industry and its congressional supporters have launched the biggest campaign in recent years to curb textile imports.

The campaign is aimed to coincide with the opening on March 1 of U.S. Tariff Commission hearings on a proposed import fee on cotton textiles.

Hongkong apparently will not be heard at the hearing. The Washington law firm of Connelley and Burling, of which former Secretary of State Dean Acheson is a partner, has been engaged by Hongkong exporters but it has not sought time to state Hongkong's case.

The proposed import fee of eight cents per pound of cotton content would offset one of the U.S. industry's disadvantages—the difference between the high, government supported price U.S. mills must pay for U.S. cotton and the low world market price at which U.S. cotton is sold abroad to foreign competitors.

MUCH MORE

The U.S. industry and textile-state senators are demanding much more protection than this.

In a series of speeches, press conferences, newspaper advertisements and conferences with government officials, they are agitating for quotas and higher tariffs.

They lost the first round of the fight yesterday. The Eisenhower administration rejected South Carolina Sen. Strom Thurmond's request that the Tariff Commission hearings be broadened to include consideration of relief more drastic than the eight-cent fee.—UPI.

Jailed for defaming Jews

Düsseldorf, Feb. 25. Kai-Helmut Schmitt, a shop assistant, was sentenced to seven months' imprisonment by a court today for saying one million Jews too few had been gassed.

He had been charged with uttering insults and public approval of murder.—Reuters.

OPERATION 'FISHNET'

Two aircraft carriers join the fishing fleet

By FREDERICK ELLIS

REVOLUTIONARY plans to bring sea-fresh fish to the tables of British housewives are being worked out in the City. Two aircraft carriers, the 13,000-tonners Ocean and Theseus, and the 16,000-ton repair ship Ranpura have been bought from the Admiralty to put Operation "Fishnet" in being.

They will act as mother factory ships to fleets of deep-sea trawlers out on the fishing grounds. (H.M.S. Theseus visited Hong-kong on several occasions during the Korean War in which she took an active part). The trawlers will land their catch into the mother ships, which will be equipped as factories to deep freeze and package the fish ready for the shops.

Master mind behind the plan is 44-year-old Harry Platt, chief of Lambert and Bendall, ship-brokers and managers on the Baltic Exchange.

He is being backed by City merchant bankers, who are putting up the money to buy the war veterans and convert them into factory ships.

More than £2,500,000 is being put up for Platt's fish plan.

Talks have been going on for some months with the British Federation of Trawler Owners. It is hoped that the big trawler group like Boss of Grimaby, Salverson of Leth, and Bossons of Fleetwood, will co-operate in the scheme.

Mr Platt told me of his plans: "Fish now landed is not in first-class condition, for it takes a trawler 24 days to get back to port.

"Our factory ships on the fishing grounds will process the fish within 48 hours."

ECONOMIES

It will allow the trawlers to remain on the fishing grounds for longer periods.

For the mother ships will also refuel the trawlers.

This will bring big economies for the trawler owners—and talks are on with the trawler-men's union on pay and conditions, which will include shore amenities on the mother ships for the fishermen.



THE CARRIERS THESEUS



AND OCEAN

The operation will run like the whaling fleet—except that they will be whaling for whiting! The mother ships, after conversion into factories, will carry a crew and factory hands of about 425 each.

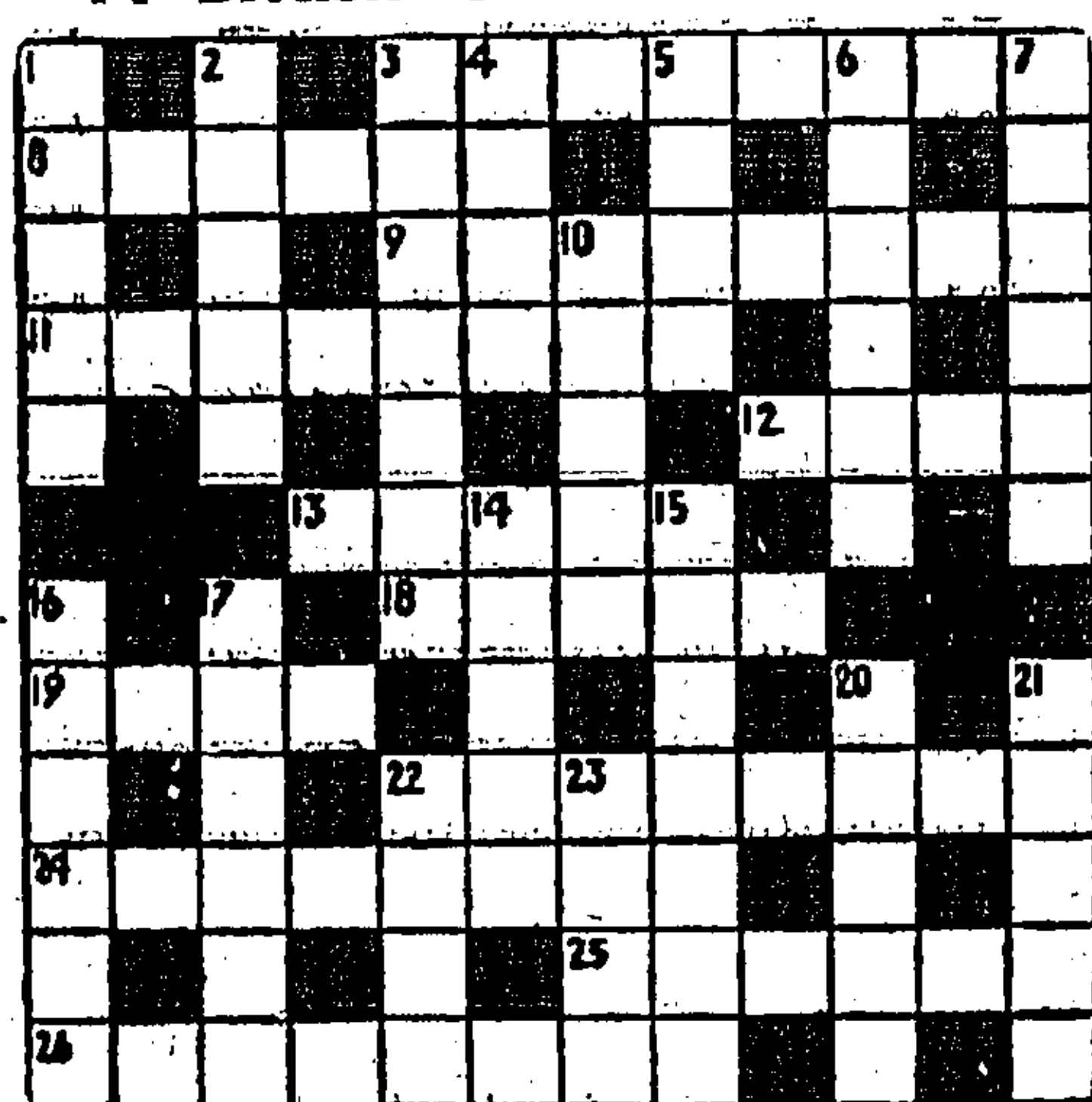
Says Mr Platt: "It will mean that the housewife will be able to buy 100 per cent fresh fish from our factory ships."

Jovial and youthful Mr Platt, a member of the Baltic Exchange, started in the City as an office boy.

During the first war he was a rifleman with the London Irish and in the last war he volunteered for the Navy over age—and became a lieutenant-commander.

Some of the leading names in the package fish business like MacFarlanes and Birds Eye and Flinders are interested in the Platt plan.—London Express Service.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 3 Art's back what, in a boat? (5, 3)
- 8 Relate in a way in Ireland. (6)
- 9 An eye for an eye. (8)
- 11 Fun and games of bygone days? (8)
- 12 Give up part of an office desk. (4)
- 13 Sat on the throne. (5)
- 14 Apologia's word. (6)
- 15 Work hard at a snare. (4)
- 22 Ripping a girl who's going headless? (8)
- 24 Snakes in the grass? (8)
- 25 School of material weight. (8)
- 26 The fool's demand, sometimes followed by a list! (4, 4)

DOWN

- 1 Taken by those on foot. (5)
- 2 Break. (5)
- 3 Old railway has evidence of debt that's grave. (7)
- 4 Abound. (4)
- 5 Ventilates in repair shops. (4)
- 6 How a goose gives the bird? (6)
- 7 Cultivator in a boat. (8)
- 10 The chap who's likely to give out? (5)
- 14 See, California has a British-style pub. (6)
- 15 Theatrical sideboard. (7)
- 16 Stiffener. (6)
- 17 Ribston possibly. (6)
- 20 Not the box wherein callots keep their shanties. (5)
- 21 He'll do for you, as it were! (6)
- 22 Boiling-place. (4)
- 23 Recs turns yellow. (4)

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD—Across: 3 And-cabid, 7 Lying, 8 Hindrance, 10 Caravan, 13 Traders, 15 (w)Antic(d), 17 Underway, 19 Conclude, 20 Unit, 21 Hansard, 23 Keenly, 27 Surprise, 28 Dylan, 29 Secretes, Down: 1 Elect, 2 Lib-A, 3 Agree, 4 C.O.D., 6 Banana, 8 Eleven, 9 Thrush, 11 (p)Arrest(s), 12 Edict, 14 Bunkers, 15 A-Rose, 16 Twirl, 18 Curres, 19 Nitric, 22 Needs, 23 Angle, 24 Dying, 25 Tree.

British pressmen defend reports on Blantyre

Blantyre, Feb. 25.

Crowds in Trafalgar Square, London, would have resented much more quickly some of the action that took place in the course of a demonstration during Mr Harold Macmillan's visit to Nyasaland, an inquiry was told here today.

New Prince unlike Anne or Charles

London, Feb. 25. The son born to the Queen last Friday is "quite unlike" either Prince Charles or Princess Anne when they were babies. This is the opinion of the proud father, Prince Philip, according to Senora Prado, wife of the President of Peru in an interview with a London Daily Telegraph woman reporter today.

And father also finds the new Royal baby "changes every day," said Senora Prado, who yesterday lunched with the Duchess of Kent at Kensington Palace where Prince Philip was also a guest.—China Mail Special.

Acquitted

Denver, Feb. 25. A superior court jury yesterday acquitted Lowell Sell, 35, although the window washer admitted carrying a loaded, concealed pistol during an argument with union officials. The pearl-handled gun taken from Sell was a fully loaded water pistol.—UPI.

Gravity filters

Government is to build new rapid gravity filters, with a capacity of 8,000,000 gallons a day, to cope with the increased building development in the Aberdeen district.

2 MORE DIE IN CEYLON FLOODS

Columbo, Feb. 25.

Two more deaths were reported today from the flood-stricken areas in the Eastern province of Ceylon.

A village cultivation officer attached to the Gal Oya valley scheme lost his life while attempting to rescue a labourer in distress in a swollen stream. Both were drowned.

This brings the death toll in the floods to four. Weather conditions in the Eastern province improved today. Flood waters there are slowly subsiding, but in the north central province the situation was slightly worse owing to overnight rain.

In Batticaloa district, 3,000 families are reported to be homeless while waiting crops of paddy ready for harvesting have been destroyed. Damage has yet to be assessed.—Reuter.

Left behind

Seoul, Feb. 25. A commuter train left Seoul's Central Station one morning this week without a single passenger. The collector, harassed by rush hour crowds, forgot 270 passengers waiting inside the station and did not open the gate to the loading platform until after the spillover scheduled train had left.—UPI.

Sit-down strike

London, Feb. 25. The 300 women employees of the K.L.G. spark plug plant yesterday began a two-hour sit-down strike to focus attention on their demand for a wage increase.

The spark plug makers sat and sewed during the strike.—UPI.

Royalty for India

Brussels, Feb. 25. King Leopold, Princess Lilian and Princess Marie-Gabrielle of Savoy left by air today for Bombay via Cairo for a three-week stay in India. The Royal party will visit the Belgian-sponsored Polarisation Experiment during their stay in India.—A.P.

Police lied on witness stand Van Rie says

Boston, Feb. 25.

Dutch wireless operator Willem Van Rie today accused police of lying on the witness stand at his trial for the murder of 23-year-old Lynn Kaufmann.

At the same time, the 31-year-old seafarer hinted, for the first time at animosity between him and a woman travelling companion of the slain Lynn Kaufmann, 23. Van Rie calmly admitted "seven or eight" intimacies with the 33-pound Chicago divorcee he is accused of slaying on the last leg of a trip from Singapore to New York. Under withering cross-examination he admitted he told police Mrs. Judith Spoor, wife of Miss Kaufmann's employer, might have "checked" her daughter and a Chinese boy to testify against him.

But the line of questioning was cut off by a court adjournment of the 12th day of the trial before an all-male jury.—UPI.

Britain's nuclear strategy criticised

London, Feb. 25.

The Parliamentary Labour opposition tonight tabled a resolution criticising what it described as "the vacillations and confusions of the Government's nuclear strategy."

Its move took the form of an amendment to a Government motion approving the policy set out in this year's defence White Paper, which is to be debated next Monday and Tuesday in the House of Commons.

The amendment had been put forward by the names of Mr Hugh Gaitskell, Mr Aneurin Bevan and other Labour leaders.

While recognising the need for an adequate policy for collective defence and security, it expresses "no confidence" in the Government's defence policy "which since 1951, has cost more than £12,500,000,000."—Reuter.

Sales boom

London, Feb. 25.

Alarm clock sales are booming in South Wales, according to the National Jewellers Association.

The association credited Welsh mine companies with spurring the rash for bedside time pieces. The mines have ceased the old practice of sounding early morning work whistles.—UPI.

Bangkok, Feb. 25.

Princess Mother, Princess Srisavangwan was sworn in as Regent today to act for his Majesty King Phumiphon Aduldej during his tour of Burma scheduled to begin next Wednesday for three days.—UPI.



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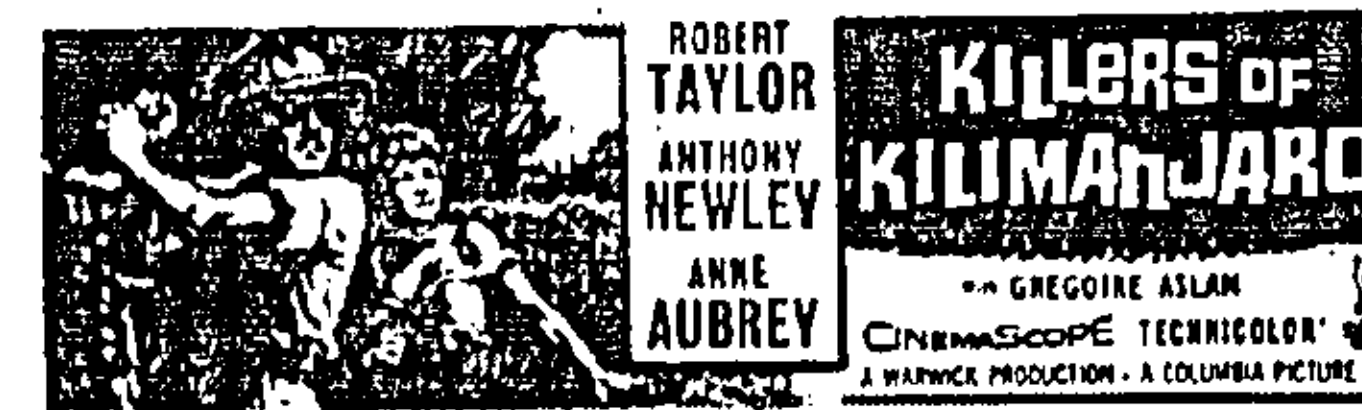
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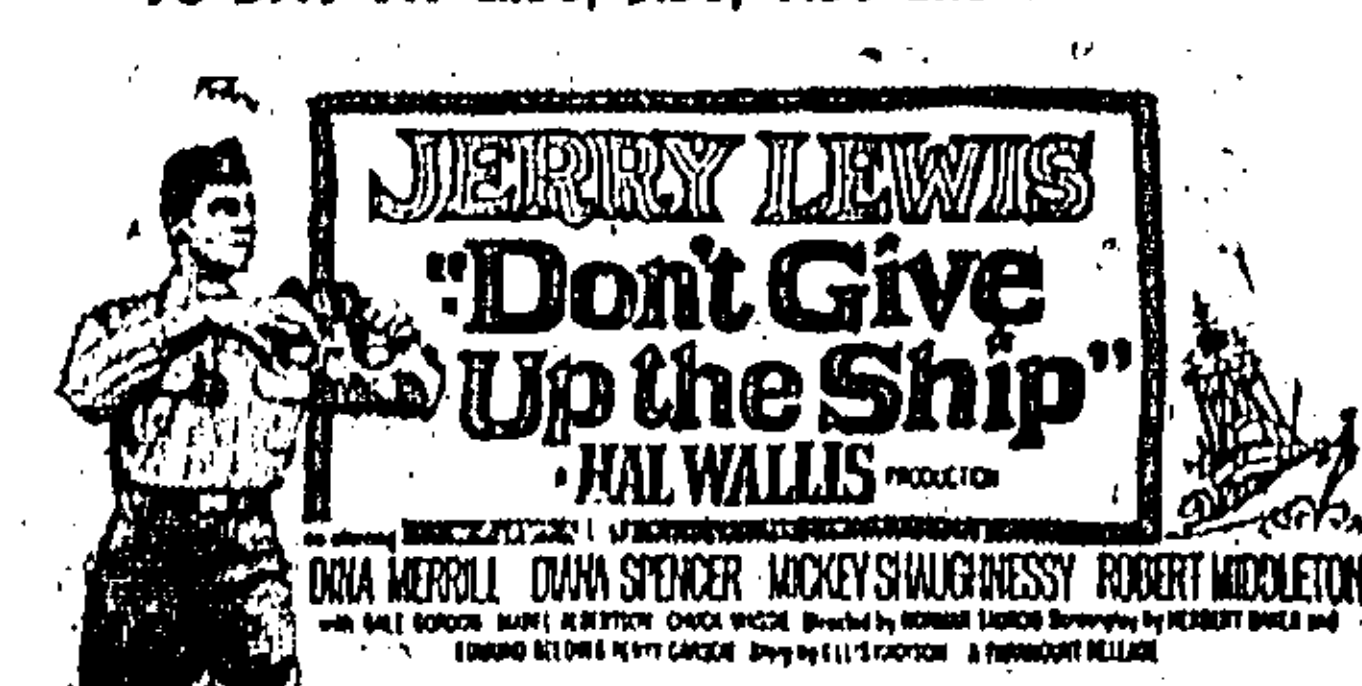
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**A perfect couple — but they are not married**

London, Feb. 25. **DONALD NEWSOME** and the woman who is the mother of his three children are, said a judge, the other day, a perfect example of how to live in married harmony—but they are not married.

Newsome was legally married in 1941; his wife left him four years later. In 1948 he went through a ceremony with Elizabeth Keys, who knew of the marriage.

For 14 years they lived happily together. The children arrived — John, Helen, and Pauline. And not until last week was their secret revealed.

Forty-nine-year-old Newsome pleaded guilty at Derbyshire Assizes of bigamy and Elizabeth Keys, aged 38, of aiding and abetting him.

Mr Justice Stable — called the Merciful Judge — heard the evidence and gave them an absolute discharge.

He told them: "You have nothing to be ashamed of. You have set an example of how to live in married harmony and happiness. I hope you will continue to live happily together."

There were tears in the couple's eyes as they left the court. Newsome, who lives in Kerry Street, Derby, said later: "I know I did wrong and I was prepared to pay the penalty. It was wonderful of the judge to let us go home and rejoin the children."

As soon as I am free I shall marry Elizabeth. She has been a wonderful help to me all these years."

HEADS HIGH

Elizabeth said: "We had lived in dread of this day for years. But we have always held our heads up high and our children are a credit to us."

The couple gave four rules for living happily together:—
 ONE: Love and respect each other.
 TWO: Put the children first in all things.
 THREE: Share the wage packet fairly.
 FOUR: Drink only within reason.

Then this couple who are not married returned to domestic harmony free, for the first time in 14 years, of their secret fear. And they need have no worry that they will lose their council house. Mr E. H. Gregory, Derby housing director, said: "I am sure the council would be loath to disturb the couple after so many years."

IN RADCLIFFE, Lancashire, where she lives with her 14-year-old daughter, Newsome's wife, Mrs. Elizabeth Keys, said: "I will never divorce my husband. I am a Roman Catholic. I am not being vindictive—it is a matter of religious principle."

It was Mrs Newsome's second marriage. Her first ended in divorce. "You see that marriage was in a Protestant church," said Mrs Newsome. "Do I wish them happiness? Well, I wouldn't know about that. All I know is that I don't want him back."



At home... the couple with daughters Helen (left), 12, and Pauline, 9.

ACCESS TO OFFICIAL PAPERS QUESTIONED IN COMMONS

London, Feb. 25. The Prime Minister said today he would consider thinking out a new interpretation of the rules allowing ex-ministers to quote from official documents when writing their memoirs.

He was answering what has become a weekly barrage of questions in the House of Commons about Sir Anthony Eden's memoirs, particularly his references to the Middle East and relations with the United States at the time of the Suez crisis.

Mr Macmillan said: "Sir Anthony Eden did submit the text of his book to me and the Secretary of the Cabinet. I do not regard publication of these references (the Middle East affairs) as extracts open to objection."

The only actual quotation from a Cabinet memorandum for which approval had to be given by the Queen was for a matter when Sir Anthony was Foreign Secretary dealing with Far Eastern affairs, he added.

Procedure lax

Mr Hugh Galskell, the Opposition leader, said he thought the procedure had become lax.

He objected to references being made to Cabinet decisions and telegrams to the United States "which apart from the indiscretion involved also gave a decidedly one-sided picture of the whole affair."

Mr Macmillan replied: "This had occurred to me. Perhaps we ought to treat the matter as something different. I have just followed ordinary convention up to now. I would consider whether we should try and think of a new structure or interpretation." He would consult Mr Galskell about it.—China Mail Special.

UK firms get Sudan contract

London, Feb. 25. Three British firms have between them obtained a contract worth nearly £20 million to build a complete textile mill in the Sudan. It was announced here today.

The contract, one of the largest ever negotiated in the Sudan, has been secured against world-wide competition by the English Electric Company, Platt Brothers (Sales) Limited and Morples Ridgeway and Partners.

It is for a mill in Khartoum expected to employ 3,000 workers and turn out 75 million yards of cloth a year when it starts full production in 1962.—China Mail Special.

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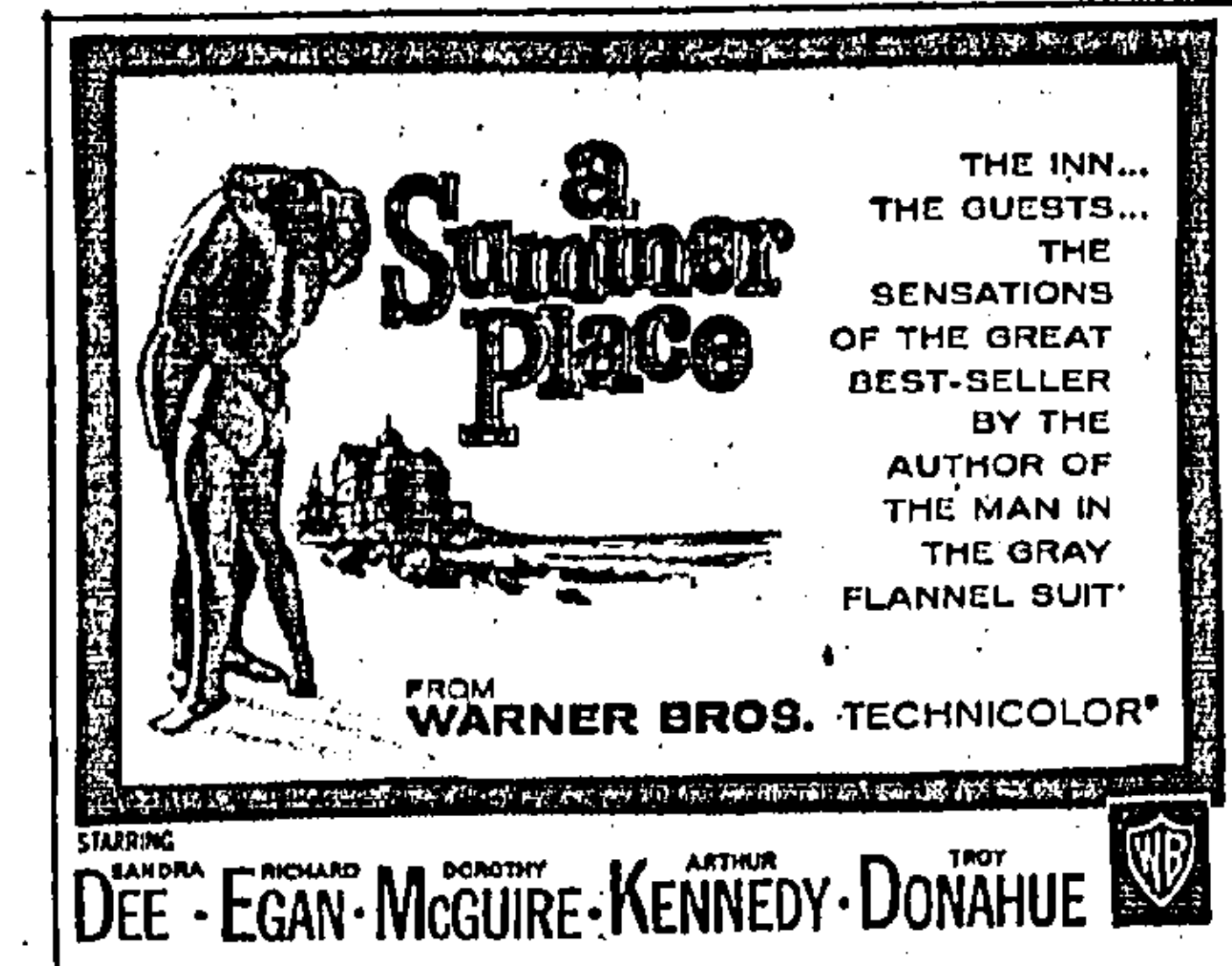
Madras, Feb. 25. Mr Chakravarti Rajagopalachari, India's last governor-general in 1947, said today Countess Mountbatten had earned for Britain "the goodwill of a whole people who had been embittered."

Releasing a telegram of condolence to Lord Mountbatten, India's last viceroy and first governor-general, he said Lady Mountbatten had "more than half a share in that work of relinquishing political sovereignty." — China Mail Special.

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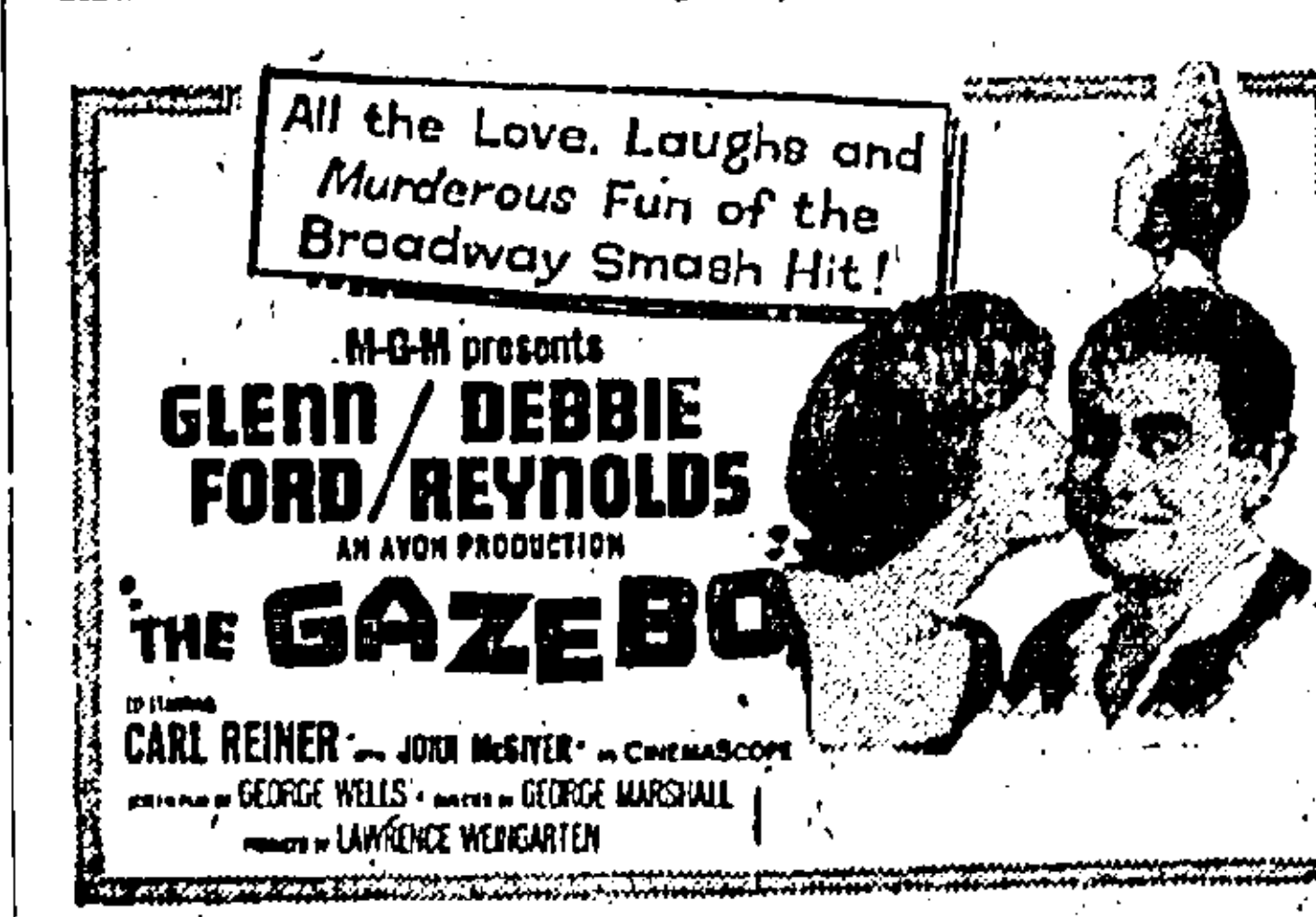
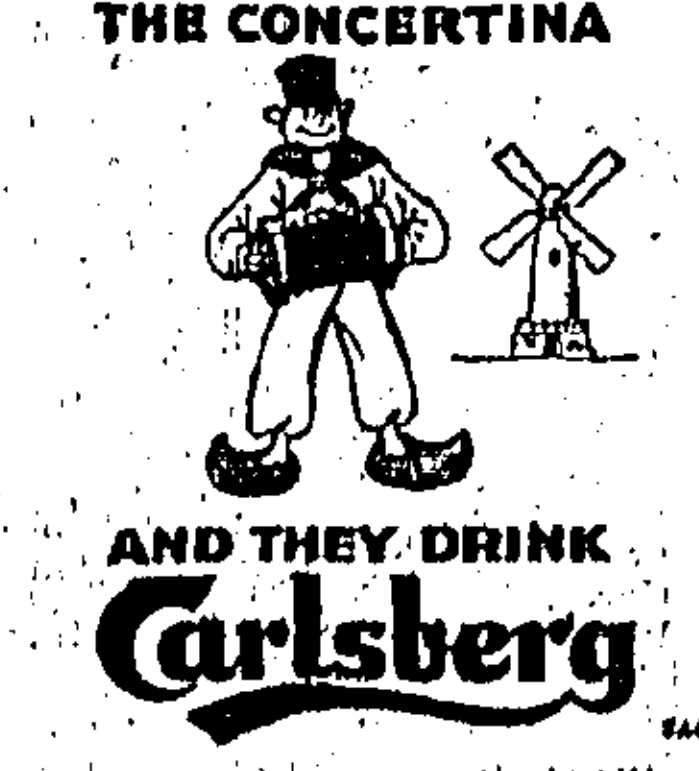
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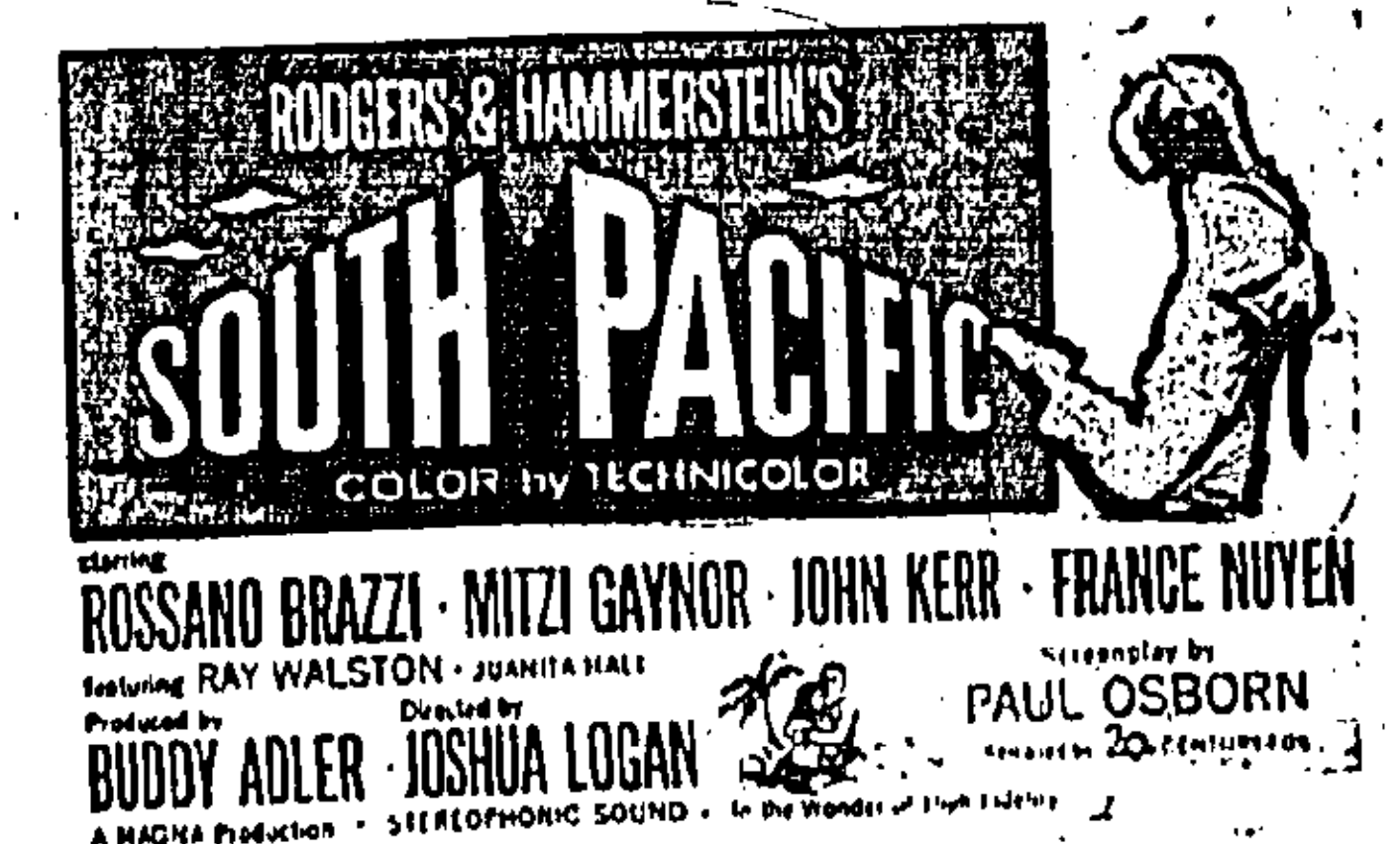
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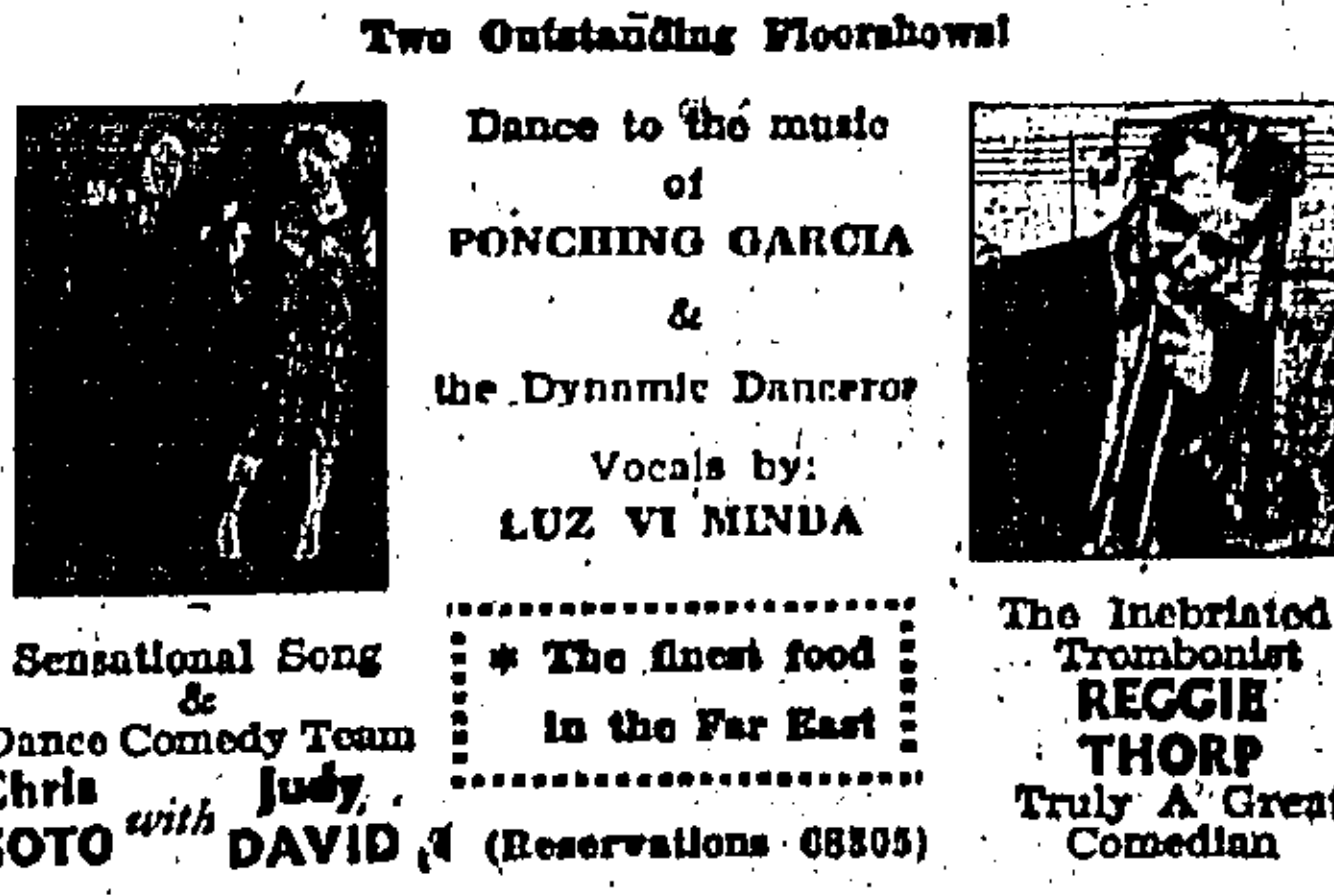
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This is the man that Nasser fears



From
Our Correspondent

Dateline: Cairo

THE man Sir Winston Churchill once called Britain's "deadliest enemy" is ambitiously plotting again in the Middle East to set himself up as head of a "Palestinian Republic" backed by Iraq.

He is 64-year-old Haj Amin el-Husseini, former Grand Mufti (or Moslem "archbishop") of Jerusalem, who worked with the Nazis against Britain in Palestine during the war and fled to Berlin when the British tried to seize him.

Now even President Nasser, who has given him sanctuary for years, has had to declare "war" on him.

Haj Amin is now in the Lebanon, whence he had to flee when Nasser's newspapers started thundering: "He is no good."

A 'plot'

Reports now leaking out about a recent Foreign Minister-level Arab League conference give a clue to his new bid for power.

To their Arab colleagues the Egyptians angrily accused the ex-Mufti of "conspiring" with Iraq's Premier Abdul Karim Kassem—Nasser's No. 1 Arab enemy—to form the so-called "Palestine Republic."

To Nasser and his disciples no crime could be worse. Not only has Haj Amin bitten the Egyptian hand that fed him in a Cairo villa for most of the past 15 years.

He has also cast in his lot with that "Communist

tool" Kassem in a grand bid to lure 1,000,000 Arab refugees from the old Palestine away from Cairo towards Bagdad.

This, the Egyptians charge, is the ex-Mufti's own plot—"for his own selfish ends"—to undermine another Palestinian solidarity plan proposed by Nasser and his backers in the dissension-torn Arab League.

Four died

With the Arab League's worries is mingled fear. Its members have no more reason to trust the "Evil Deity" than the British had.

In a 12-month period of 1951-2 one Arab king and three Arab Prime Ministers who opposed his designs were assassinated.

One was white-bearded King Abdullah, grandfather of King Hussein of Jordan.

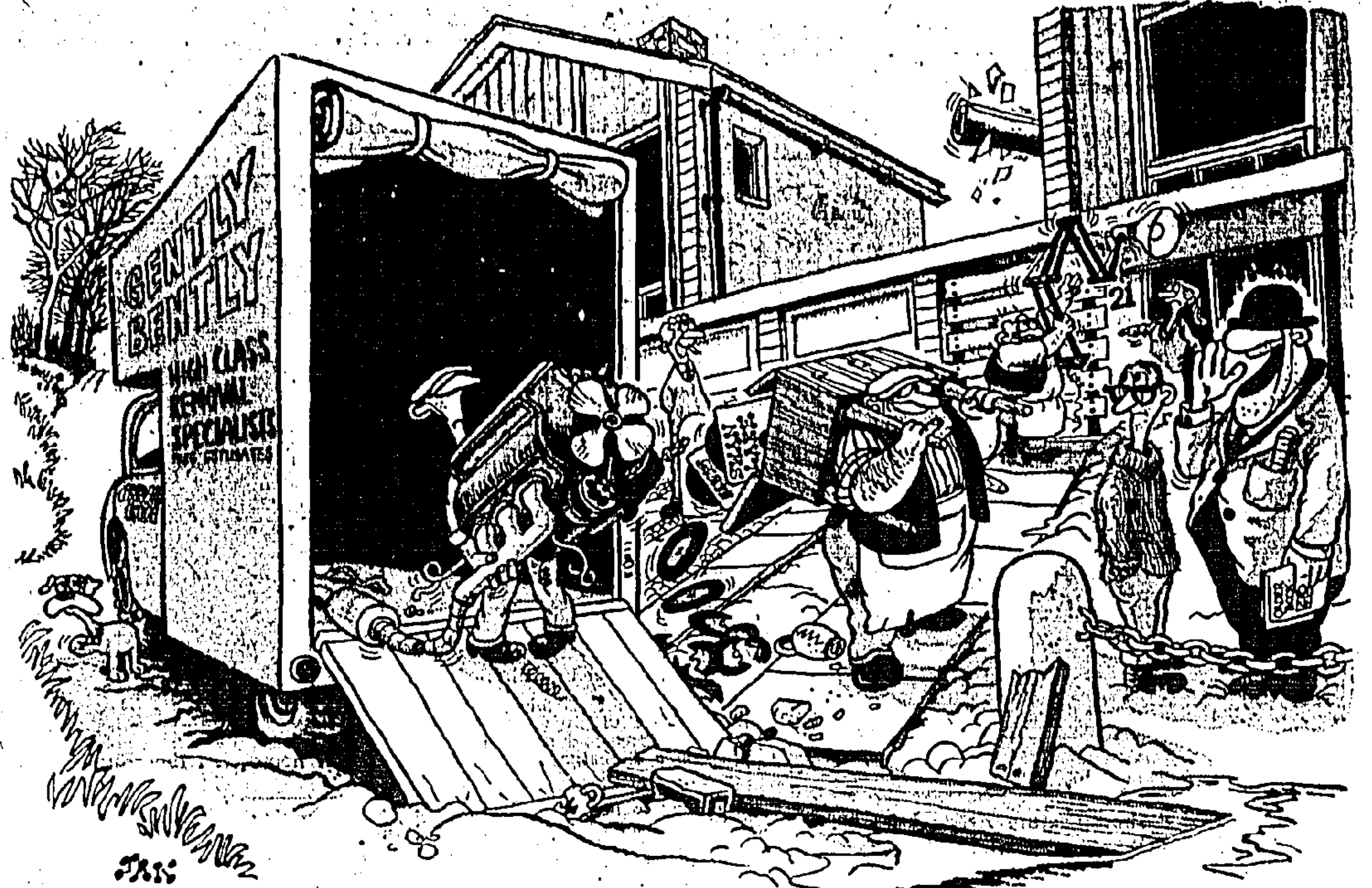
Abdullah was shot dead as he came from a Jerusalem mosque. King Hussein was splattered with blood.

The ex-Mufti was accused of organising the murder. A price still remains on his head in Jordan.

There is another point of friction between Haj Amin and Nasser, Nasser has declared his own private war in Egypt and Syria on the Arab Communists.

There is strong suspicion that the ex-Mufti has been in close touch with Communist agents operating from Iraq, Syria, and elsewhere in the Middle East, and that he has been using Communist money to finance his operations.

JAK moves house



"Put that back where you found it, you idiot — it's ours"

—(London Express Service).

Once again—because the China Mail is Hongkong's only newspaper with a resident reporter in Moscow—you can read the enlightening story of life in Russia...TODAY YOU'RE VISITING...

The Red Eton

by

CHRISTOPHER DOBSON

PIGTAILED girls in chocolate-brown dresses and black gym slips, and shaven-headed boys in grey brass-button tunics bobbed their curtsies and made their stiff-necked bows to me as I walked through the clean but dowdy hall of their boarding school, set among the pinewoods in the outskirts of Moscow.

There is a sort of Red Eton, one of the many new boarding schools which Russia is developing.

The school I visited was run by Alexander Petrov, a burly, picaresque man in his middle thirties.

The children rise at seven and start the day with exercises, have breakfast at eight, and clean out their own rooms.

At 8.30 they begin lessons and work until one o'clock, when they have lunch.

After lunch there are games until four, when they have tea, and then there are more lessons until six, when they break up into "circles" for photography, woodwork, puppet theatres, art, gym, and a multitude of other activities.

Chinese...

Supper is at 7.30 and is followed by a walk. Then comes bed at nine for the youngsters and at 9.30 for the veterans.

They sleep in dormitories from six to 14 in a room.

Each of these schools specialises in one foreign language. This one has adopted Chinese, and in each class I saw

Russian children learning to speak the language under the supervision of a Chinese school-master.

They practise their pronunciation by wearing earphones and a microphone, and repeating recorded words while the teachers listen to them, one after the other, at a master set.

Petrov says: "They love this lesson. With the microphone and earphone they pretend they are space pilots."

The point to be noted here may be noted in almost every aspect of Russian life: superb equipment is housed in rather tatty buildings.

This school has a house for teaching the children to drive, an engine for mechanical training, a complicated set of traffic lines to teach the rules of the road, a woodwork shop with

factory-type lathes and machine tools.

There is a photographic laboratory and a scientific laboratory. There is a doctor's surgery, with up-to-date electrocardiograph equipment, and a fully furnished dental surgery.

This modernity is housed in a building hung with heavy red velvet curtains and equipped with desks of ancient vintage. It is yet another example of Russian preoccupation with technical furniture. Personal comfort comes last.

Honour

There is no corporal punishment here. I made Petrov laugh by telling him that almost the only schools left in England where a boy is caned are those where a father pays to send his son.

Said he: "We have no corporal punishment. We work on the principle that words hurt more than beatings, and the worst punishment we give is to send an offender home."

What about lines and extra essays? "No, we do not believe in setting work as a punishment. Work is a labour of honour, it is not a punishment. If children are punished by work, they will hate work."

Parents are encouraged to take part in the work of the school. There are monthly meetings with teachers and each class has a parents' committee which helps to arrange extra-curricular activities.

Control

Petrov assured me that these schools are extremely popular with parents. "When this one was first opened," he said, "there were 800 applications for 100 places."

One of the reasons is that, without the children, the parents can devote themselves wholeheartedly to earning their living. Many of them live in cramped conditions with large families and it is more wholesome for the children to live at school.

The Government is working flat out to get every child into a boarding school. Hundreds of new schools are being built and many existing day schools are being converted—like the one I visited—into boarding schools.

For the Government, the plan has many advantages: parents are released from household duties to work in the factories, and complete control is exercised over the children to bring them up as good little Communists from the day they are born.

They are taught to think as Communists, act as Communists, and learn as Communists. Indoctrination is begun from the

moment the children enter school.

There are no classes in Marxist-Leninism or in dialectical materialism. That must wait until the children go to college.

Nearly every child, however, belongs to the Young Pioneers, a junior branch of the Communist Party, and they have their own room in the school, with their flags and trumpets—and Communist exhortations.

Clever

It is all done very cleverly. The children are well fed, well taught, well looked after, and well indoctrinated.

The Russian Government can look forward to all the children living in these schools being healthy, educated, and good little Communists.

The dream meals of a starving prisoner

SINGAPORE.

A BOOK of exotic recipes dreamed up by an Englishman while starving in a Japanese prison camp is becoming a best-seller in South-East Asia.

The man is 73-year-old Philip Newington, who had visions of luxury meals when he was living on a bare four ounces of soggy boiled rice a day.

Singapore told in 1942, told me: "It is extraordinary what visions of food you have when you are starving."

He decided to jot down the fantastic recipes that raced through his mind.

He said: "When my friends found out what I was doing we formed a Gourmets' Club. 'Six of us, hollow-cheeked, unshaven and naked, but for a pair of shorts, used to sit down at a table, a broken piece of asbestos laid over a couple of crates."

The debate

"We used to roll imaginary morsels of food in our mouths and debate with academic detachment whether a bayleaf would live on the flavour of the casserole or whether half a dozen cloves would do a better job."

Notes from these meetings are the basis of "Good Food," the book written by Newington. This is one of his simpler recipes.

Bananas in Wine: Cook some peeled bananas in butter until light brown. Make a syrup with half a pint of sherry. Pour over bananas and simmer gently until soft. Sprinkle with nutmeg and serve hot.

—(London Express Service).

Sam White's Paris Newsletter

Dorothy Paget, the Russian Princess and the refugees...

PARIS.
WHEN Miss Dorothy Paget died recently she left a little known but very moving memorial to herself in France.

It is a home which she endowed in the early '20s for aged and impoverished White Russians in France.

The home is in a huge chateau 10 miles outside Paris at St Genevieve-des-Bois. How Miss Paget came to endow it makes a touching story.

Apparently as a young girl she was sent to a finishing school in Paris run by a Russian emigre, the Princess Vera Meshchersky, widow of a Tsarist ambassador to The Hague.

There she was miserably unhappy and oppressively self-conscious. Her life was made tolerable however and included even flashes of happiness because of the kindness the Princess showed her. As a gesture of her gratitude Miss Paget after leaving the school endowed this home for Russian emigres.

It is a place of rare beauty with a Slavonic church set in a white birch tree forest. It also includes a sanatorium and a

hospital wing. Its cemetery has become the resting place of the majority of the White Russian colony which invaded Paris after the revolution. Its church is a place of pilgrimage for White Russians during the Russian Easter and New Year.

The Princess Meshchersky died a few years ago and the establishment is now being run by a French daughter-in-law. She ran into difficulty recently when she employed an Orthodox priest who proclaimed his loyalty to the Moscow Patriarch instead of the Athens one. As a result his services were boycotted and he had to be finally withdrawn.

Before the war there was always a long waiting list to gain admittance to the home. Nowadays it is half empty.

Social distinctions are rigidly maintained not on the basis of what one was in Paris but on what one's social standing was in Moscow or St Petersburg under the Tsar.

Princess, princesses, counts and countesses, generals and generals' widows make up the majority of

the inmates, and most of them have lived ever since the revolution in circumstances of great poverty.

The home cannot survive much longer simply because the White Russian colony here is fast disappearing. Their children will not have access to it as most of them are now French citizens.

Art boom

THE boom in art as a financial investment has now reached such a point in Paris that the prices many paintings fetch are now regularly quoted in the Paris financial newspapers along with other stocks and shares.

This is one of the surprising facts to emerge from a review of the art market here conducted by the Paris newspaper Le Monde.

There are now 20 painters in Paris whose work fetches more than £2,000 a canvas and of these two thirds were completely unknown 10 years ago.

A painter like Villon who, for example, five years ago could scarcely find a buyer now sells for more than £10,000 a picture.

Three other painters have seen their prices quadrupled in three years.

To meet this situation in which demand is outstripping supply new galleries are opening here at the rate of one a week. They now number more than 320.

Among the dealers who run them only six or seven sold paintings before the war. The overwhelming majority of these are not dealers in the great Paris tradition—those people with a deep knowledge of art whose relationship to the painter was that of a great publisher to an author.

They are speculators whose great ambition is to establish a "corner" in some promising painter's work or simply to collect an easy 15 per cent in com-

mission on today's grossly inflated art prices.

Bankruptcies are almost unknown in this branch of trade and many private banks are now financing their own gallery.

Many of these galleries flourish entirely on a passing rich tourist trade composed of visitors all too ready to be convinced that their search for undiscovered masterpieces is being rewarded.

In general present-day dealers prefer abstract painters both because their quality is not so easily discernible and their output greater.

Rapidity of output is a major asset in a painter as seen through the eyes of his dealer speculator.

The temptation for a painter to place his output under contract to one dealer is almost irresistible for in this way he can most quickly emerge from poverty to affluence and fame.

Of the 600 professional painters in Paris nearly 500 work under contract.

In the majority of cases the relationship between painter and dealer is reduced to that of worker and boss.

The painter gets a monthly wage and receives no account of the number or prices of his pictures sold.

Financial syndicates are often formed around the painter, and it is common for his work to be put up for sale at public auction in order that members of the syndicate can bid for it and thus artificially raise its price.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

A Paratroop Colonel: "Metropolitan France is like a well-made Camembert. We must wait until it is fully ripe in order to eat it."

—(London Express Service).

WOMANSENSE

Your Home

THE PAGE WHERE YOU
GET THE EXPERTS' ADVICE

Are you shadowed about the house?

by JOHN E. BLAKE

EDITOR OF DESIGN, MAGAZINE OF
THE COUNCIL OF INDUSTRIAL DESIGN

GOOD lighting can contribute more to the enjoyment of home life than almost any other type of furnishing or equipment. Most houses and flats are provided with a central ceiling light, but this is seldom satisfactory, however bright it may be.

If you find that you are in the way of the light when you are cooking or washing up, or have to twist round in your chair to read, then probably a central light is to blame.

A little effort with a long flex and some form of shaded bulb will soon show where the best positions for your particular needs are (more than one light is necessary in most rooms).

But equally important is the quality of the light which will be different for each job it has to perform.

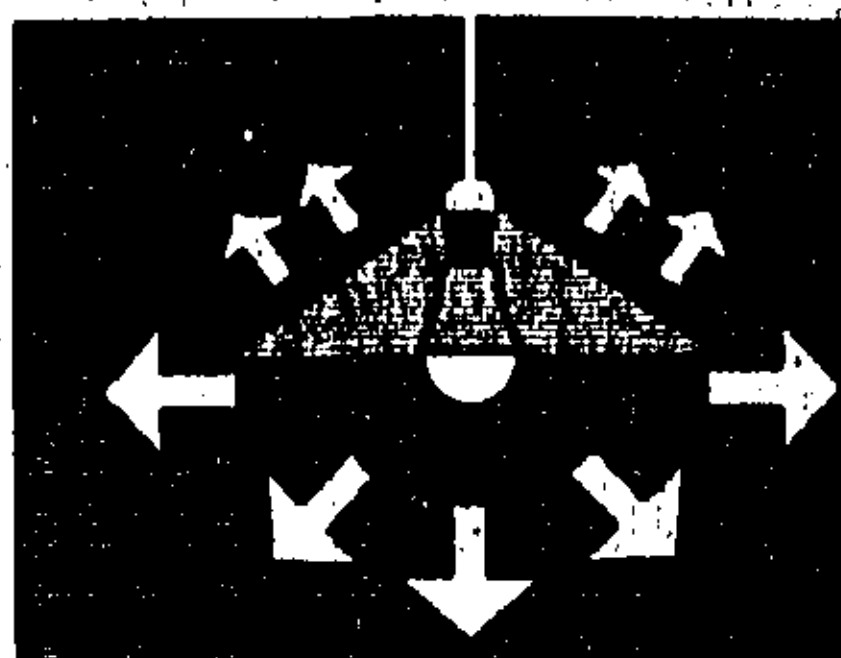
Less harm

Most of us at one time or another have played with a burning glass and have seen how the sun's rays can be concentrated in a pinpoint of light and heat strong enough to set light to paper or wood shavings.

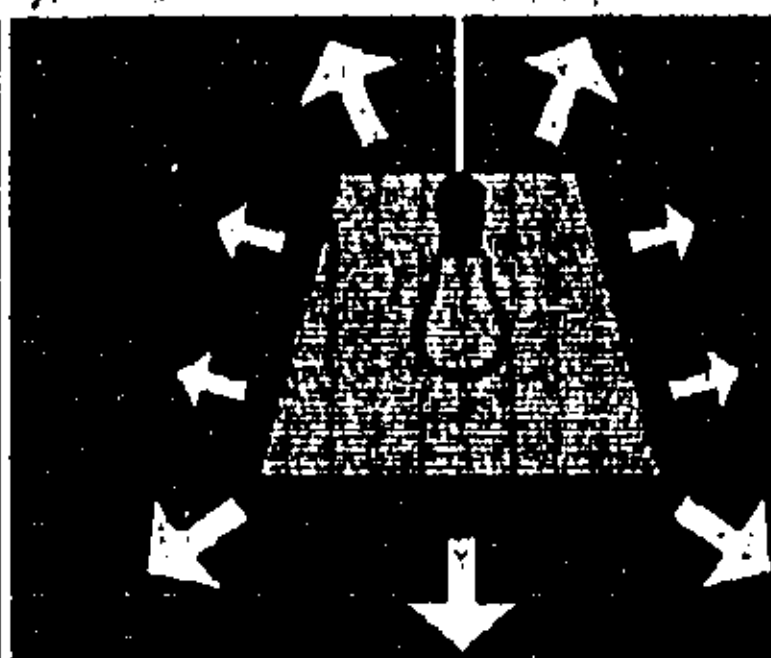
The idea of a lampshade is roughly to reverse this principle—to disperse the pinpoint of light from an electric bulb over a wide area and thus reduce its intensity.

The more we can do this the less harmful to the eyes is the effect of looking directly at the light.

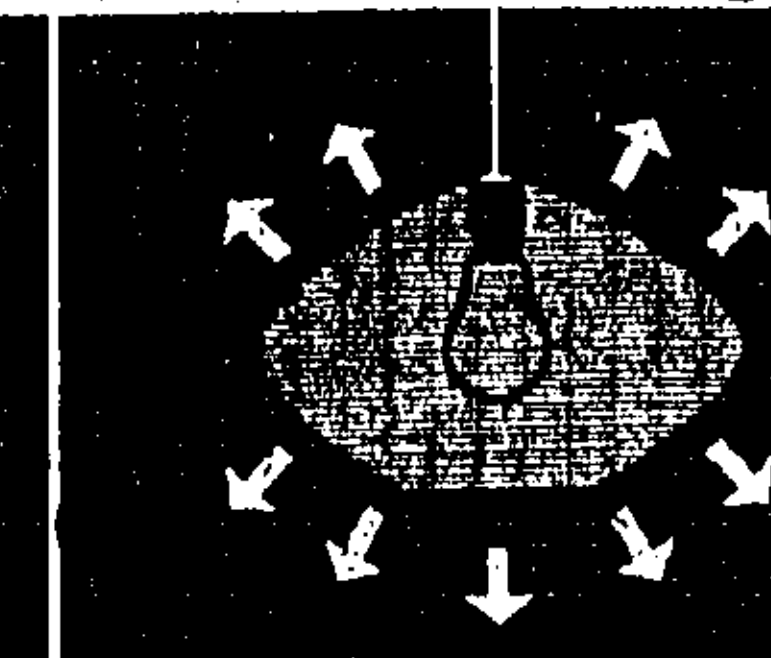
If the lampshade merely covers the top part of the bulb, like the conical shades that most



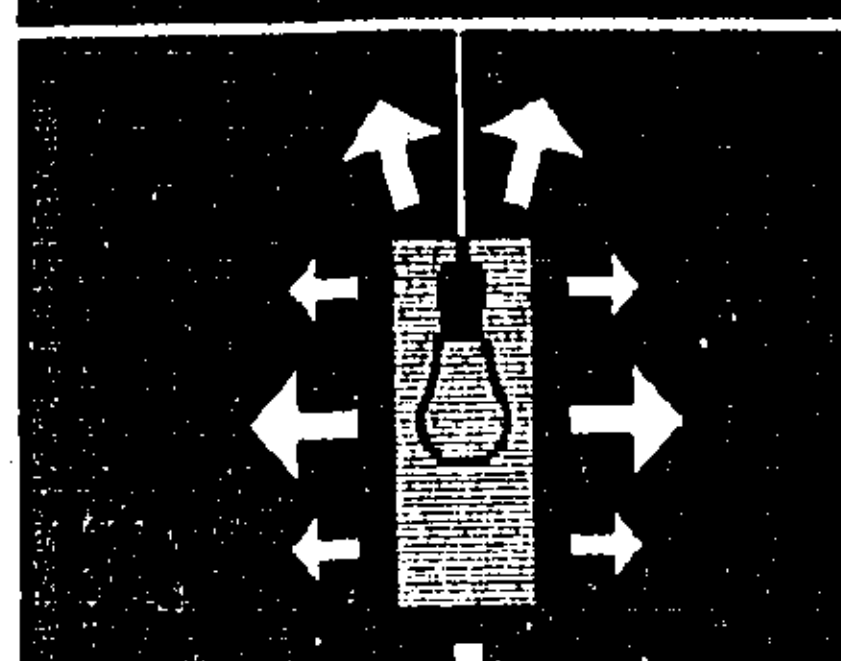
A shade which throws the ceiling into shadow but leaves the bulb visible should be avoided.



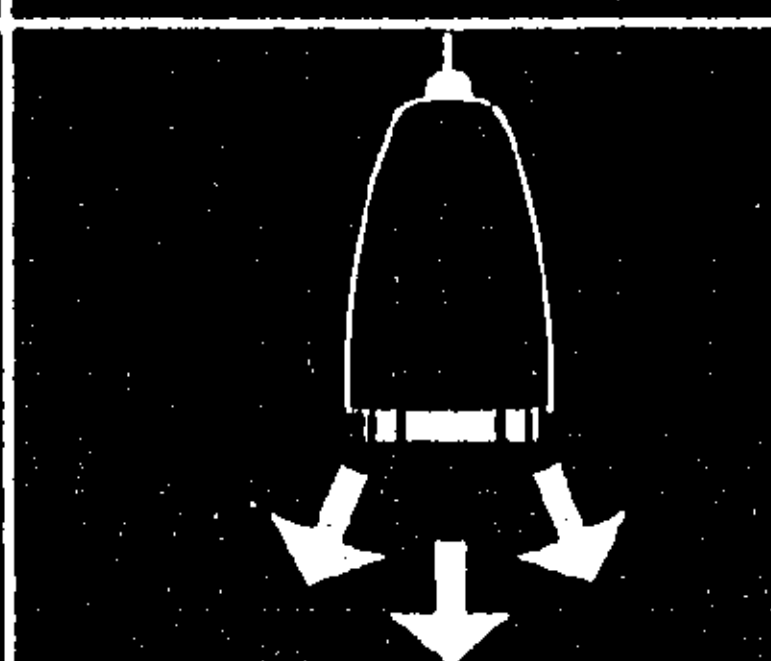
The commonest type of shade—but only really suitable for a table lamp.



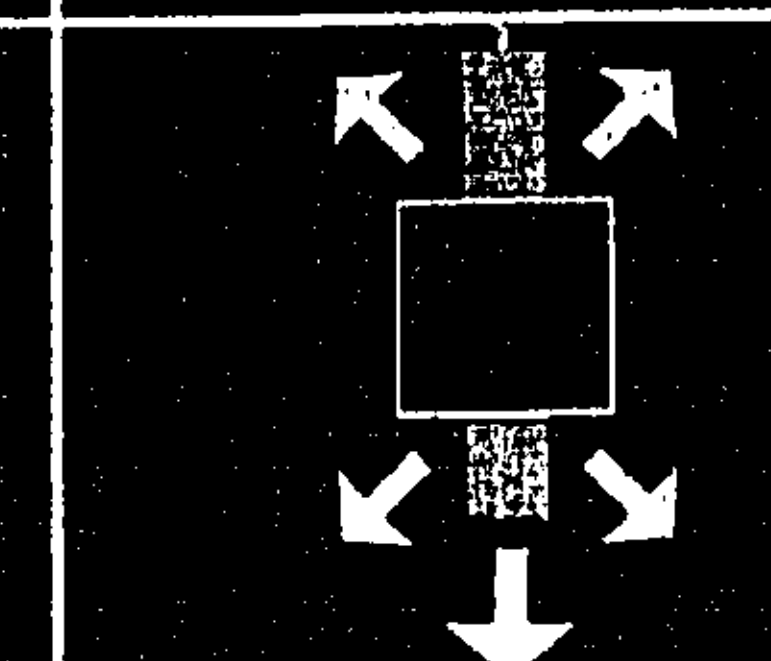
A soft glow from this type of encircling shade gives good background lighting.



A deep cylindrical shade with the bulb well concealed—also good for general use.



For concentrated work this metal shade will shield the light source and throw the light on the working area. A louvre is necessary if the light is set above eye level.



One of several new shades which throw light on to a working area but also spill reflected light to reduce the harmful effects of contrasted light and dark areas.

DRAWINGS BY HOWARD UPJOHN

or us still have somewhere in the house, then the effect of the shade is almost negligible, because the bulb is still directly visible.

A shade shaped like an inverted flower pot is also of little use as a pendant since the bulb is still visible when you are sitting down, unless the fitting hangs very low.

A solution

A much more satisfactory solution is a shade which completely encloses the bulb, or so deep that the bulb can be seen only from directly underneath.

This type of shade is ideal for general background illumination

and many types are available in plain or decorated opal glass or in plastics (both of which can be taken down and washed) or also in paper, which is, of course, less durable.

A choice

For special purposes, where a greater concentration of light is necessary (over a sink, writing desk, or dining table, for example) a metal shade which completely cuts off the source of light from the eyes may be desirable.

Such shades should be carefully chosen because the intense reflection inside the shade may, if it is visible, be as harmful

as a direct sight of the bulb, and some form of louvre should be incorporated.

If a very strong light is directed at a working area in an otherwise dark room, this also can be tiring and normally should be used in conjunction with general background lighting.

Several metal shades have recently been developed which attempt to meet both these requirements. They completely cut off the light from the eyes at a variety of heights, give a brightly lit working area, but spill sufficient light through the top and bottom to provide a comfortable level of background illumination.

JACOBY on BRIDGE

A LITTLE learning is a dangerous thing. South had heard that a suit is more likely to break three-one than two-two and used that little piece of information to go down at a reasonable six-spade contract.

He ruffed the second diamond and led a spade to dummy's king. Both opponents followed and South led the nine of spades back. East followed to that also and South let the nine ride. West produced the queen and that was all.

South had heard correctly about the three-one break being more likely than the two-two break but that particular piece

NORTH (D) 11			
▲ K93			
♥ J4			
♦ J5			
♣ AK883			
WEST			
▲ Q2		♥ 76	
♥ 9765		♦ 1083	
♣ KQ883		♠ A10974	
♦ J9		♣ 1052	
SOUTH			
▲ A J10554			
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♦ 2			
♣ Q74			
Both vulnerable			
North	East	South	West
1 ♠	Pass	1 ♠	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	4 N.T.	Pass
5 ♠	Pass	6 ♠	Pass
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of knowledge has nothing to do with the case of the finesse for the queen with nine of a suit.

Once both opponents followed small to the first spade, all three-one breaks with the queen singleton had disappeared. When East followed to the second spade all three-one breaks with East having a singleton had joined the singleton queen in limbo.

Hence, South's correct play was to go with the ace.

If all this is hard to remember there is a simple rhyme to cover finesses for the queen. It is, "Eight ever, nine never." When there are nine trumps in the two hands, don't finesse.

♥ CARD Sense

Q—The bidding has been:
South West North East
1 ♠ Pass 1 ♠ Pass
2 ♠ Pass 3 ♠ Pass
3 N.T. Pass 4 ♠ Pass

What do you do?

A—Bid four diamonds. This bid shows the ace of diamonds and also leaves your partner full choice between clubs and spades for the final contract.

TODAY'S QUESTION

Your partner bids five clubs. What do you do now?

Answer Tomorrow

COMFORT ON THE MOVE: NEW IDEAS AT SEA, ON RAIL, AND IN THE AIR

ALL you have to do if you want good furnishing ideas is to keep your eyes open. Good design is all round you. Not only in other people's homes but in shops and offices, theatres and hotels, on the sea and in the air.

SEA Ian Hodgson, who has designed the cabin interiors for the new liner Oriana, which starts on the Australia run this year, says the effect he aimed at was "to make luxury look completely up to date." His piece de resistance was the "verandah suite," an exquisitely cool-looking dayroom, bedroom, and bathroom. Bedroom and dayroom have walls of padded white leatherette, ceilings of sound-absorbent acoustic board. You could copy the sound-muffling devices for a noisy house. Padded leatherette would be ideal for a children's room—tough and hard-wearing as well as sound absorbent.

AIR Gaby Schreiber is the designer of the interior of the famous Comet 4. The overall colour scheme is

grey and stone accented by head-rest covers and seat pillows in subtle shades of tangerine, cyclamen, lime green. Silver blue, wheel, and aquamarine. Dotted around casually, she says, these give a relaxed and cheerful effect. You could copy Mrs Schreiber's idea for breaking up the monotony of a long, tubular aircraft cabin—in a long, narrow room perhaps. She has grouped her aircraft seats asymmetrically in blocks of various colours. Walls between the blocks of seats are covered in strawcloth.

LAND Gunther Hoffstead was the co-ordinating designer for the stand at the Furniture Exhibition which showed British Railways' exciting new railway coach. All the seats, with arms padded in luxurious real leather, are individual. You could copy the clever colour scheme of the new railway coach. Ribbed seat covers are in a smoky blue with black leather arm-rests. The general effect is rather like a man's study—solid and good-looking but not for a minute dull.

STORIES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS

A Very Happy Poodle

—Hand Can't Guess What Picky-Poo Found—

By MAX TRELL

"MY, OH MY," said Hand, the Shadow Girl, with the Turned-Around Name, when she looked at Picky-Poo, the Poodle. "You certainly look happy this morning! What happened? Where have you been? What did you find? Whom did you meet?"

Picky-Poo stood in front of Hand, wagging his tail so fast that it looked like a brown blur in the air. But he didn't say a word. Then Hand suddenly remembered how to make him talk.

She said: "Don't go away, Picky!"

Found ribbon

Then she ran across the room. When she reached the long green drapes hanging at the side of the window, she looked behind the one hanging nearest the bookcase. And there she found what she was looking for. It was a piece of red ribbon hanging on a nail.

Only this was no ordinary piece of ribbon. It was a magic talking ribbon. The minute Hand hung the ribbon around

Picky's neck, Picky began speaking English. Picky danced around the room saying: "Wait till you see what I found! Oh, wait till you see!"

Why he's happy

"So that's why you're so happy this morning!" asked Hand. "Yes—yes—yes—yes—yes—yes!" barked Picky (still in English, of course).

"What did you find?" asked Hand. She wondered what it could be that could make a Dog like Picky so happy.

"Guess," said Picky.

"A soup bone," said Hand.

"No," said Picky.

Danced around

He danced around some more. He felt happier than ever. He stood up on his hind legs and flapped his ears.

"Guess again," he said.

"A stick," said Hand.

"No!"

"A glove?" asked Hand.

"No! Not a glove!" said Picky.

Guessed some more

Hand guessed several more things: a box of biscuits, an old

shoe, a bell, a ball. But all of them were wrong. Finally she fell silent.

"Do you give up?" asked Picky.

"I can't think of another thing," said Hand. You'd better tell me.

"All right," said Picky, "come outside with me and I'll show you."

Left outside?

"You mean," said Hand, in surprise, "that you left this wonderful thing that you found, outside?"

"I did," said Picky.

"Aren't you afraid that someone else will come along and take it?"

"No," answered Picky. "No one will take it."

Hand followed Picky outside.

Doesn't see it

"Well, where is it?" asked Hand when they stood in the middle of the garden. "I don't see anything."

"Come this way," said Picky. Hand walked behind Picky to the next-door neighbour's fence.

"I left it on the other side of the fence," Picky said. "Just look over the top of the fence and you'll see."

Hand stood on her tiptoes and looked over the top of the next-door neighbour's fence.

And there she saw at last what



Hand looked over the fence to see what Picky found.

Picky-Poo, the Poodle, had found!

Pretty Girl-Poodle

It was a Girl-Poodle, with big eyes and curly hair!

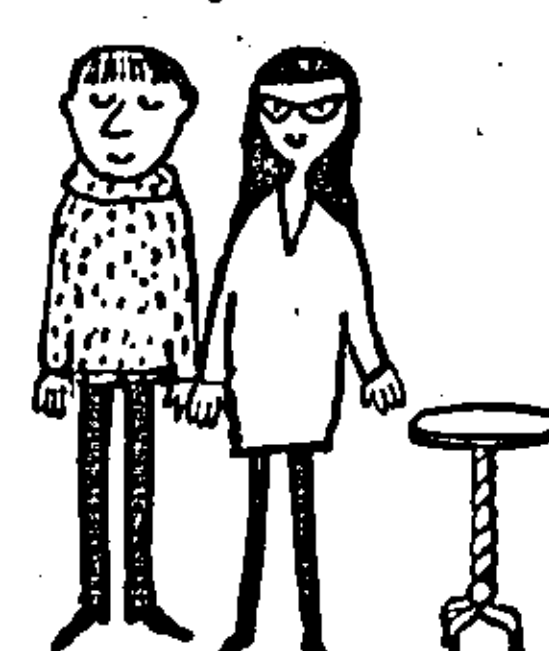
"Isn't she beautiful? Isn't she the most wonderful thing I could find? Don't you love her?" said Picky.

Hand smiled and hugged Picky.

"You're wonderful, too!" she said. And she took the magic talking ribbon off, and Picky squeezed through a hole in the fence and went to see his beautiful new-found friend!

'We bought it for a song' school ...

by MEL



"Cedric scraped the table down and then spent all winter french polishing it."

—(London Express Service).

LADY LUCK

your CHINA MAIL horoscope

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 26

AQUARIUS (January 21-February 19): A promise to meet a friend today ought to be kept, even though later developments have made it rather inconvenient.

PISCES (February 20-March 20): Don't mistake wishful thinking for reality, and avoid embarking on a venture which does not meet with the approval of your partner.

ARIES (March 21-April 19): Consider well if the important purchases you are about to make will give you the best value you can obtain for your hard earned money.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20): You may be able to tap a new source of income, but be prepared for hard work and stiff competition.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21): The independence to which you aspire can only be achieved gradually and by adhering to established principles of proper procedure.

CANCER (June 22-July 21): Don't be discouraged if your point of view does not coincide with the opinions of others. You can't always be right.

LEO (July 22-August 21): It would be a mistake to

give in to a sudden impulse today to do something quite unorthodox.

VIRGO (August 22-September 22): If you feel that a tradesman is over-charging you, tell him so before paying what you feel is not reasonable.

LIBRA (September 23-October 22): Be careful about money matters for a while and don't use up every penny of your surplus funds.

SCORPIO (October 23-November 21): A person born at the beginning of October is likely to prove an indifferent colleague from whom you cannot expect much co-operation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22-December 21): Try to forget a controversy with a friend in the past concerning matters of finance.

CAPRICORN (December 22-January 20): Instead of going out of your way in search of new friends, you will be surprised to find some very stimulating people in your immediate neighbourhood.

YOUR BIRTHDAY: If this is your birthday, a lucky year is ahead of you. Some travel is indicated, also the start of a lifelong friendship.

Rupert and the Windies—13



Up and up go the two pairs, and as they reach the clouds they shut their eyes. All at once they realise that their captors have let go of them, and they cry out in fright, but after dropping a few inches they land on something firm. In front of them stands one

of the weird creatures. His hair, no longer rippling and flying, is hanging straight like a gown. "Don't make so much noise," he orders. "This is our home. Stay here." Rupert rises gingerly. "Is this isn't a cloud, whatever it is?" he says, trembling.

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RAPIER'S RACING COMMENTS

Three-day Annual Meeting begins tomorrow

WILLIAMS SAVES LEEWARD ISLAND FROM COLLAPSE AGAINST THE MCC

Antigua, Feb. 25.

A sound innings of 84 by opening bat O. Williams, saved the Leeward Islands from threatened collapse against the MCC on the first day of their three-day match here today.

Leeward Islands, who won the toss, were 220 for five at the close.

Slumped

MCC spinners, Tommy Greenough, Ken Barrington and Raman Subba Row, turned the ball appreciably and at one time looked like bringing about a complete breakdown of the batting.

Malayan shuttler savoured to win Surrey Open

London, Feb. 25.

Lee Kin-lai, the former Malayan shuttler, is favourite for the men's singles title in the Surrey Open Badminton Championship at Wimbledon tomorrow and Saturday.

Pratiang Pattabongse, a Thailand girl, will reveal the strength of her challenge for the All-England Championship when she defends her women's singles title at Wimbledon.

Although Miss Pattabongse has been here since early January on a secretarial course, this will be her first singles appearance.

Her first big test is likely to be in the semi-final against Sonia Cox, the New Zealand No. 1.—Reuter.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

9TH (ANNUAL) RACE MEETING
Saturday 27th February, Wednesday 2nd and
Saturday 5th March, 1960.

(To be held under the Rules of the Hong Kong Jockey Club)
THE PROGRAMME WILL CONSIST OF 30 RACES.
(There will be 10 races each day)

The First Bell will be rung at 11.30 a.m. and the First Race run at 12.00 Noon, each day. The tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.) each day.

The Secretary's Office at Alexandra House will close at 10.00 a.m. each day.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No person without an admission badge, which must be prominently displayed throughout the meeting, will be admitted.

Admission Badges at \$10.00 each per day are obtainable during office hours from the Club's Cash Sweep Offices, at Queen's Building, Chater Road, 5, D'Aguiar Street, King's Road, North Point, and 382 Nathan Road, only on the written introduction of a Member. THESE BADGES WILL NOT BE ON SALE AT THE SECRETARY'S OFFICES.

ADMISSION BADGES WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE AT THE RACE COURSE ON RACE DAYS.

Tickets will be obtainable at the Club House if ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 72811).

NO CHILDREN under the age of seventeen years, Western Standard will be admitted to the Club's premises during the Meeting.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of admission will be \$3.00 each per day payable at the Gate.

Any person leaving the Enclosure will be required to pay the requisite fee of \$3.00 in order to gain re-admission.

MEALS and REFRESHMENTS will be available in the RESTAURANT.

CASH SWEEPS

Through Cash Sweep Tickets at \$20.00 each per day and \$60.00 each for the three days may be obtained from the Cash Sweep Offices at Queen's Building, Chater Road, 5, D'Aguiar Street and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon, during office hours.

Tickets reserved and available but not sold for by 10.00 a.m. on Friday, 26th February, 1960, will be sold and the reservation cancelled for future Meetings.

Tickets for the Cash Sweep on the last race of the Meeting at \$2.00 each may be obtained from the Club's Cash Sweep Offices.

The office hours of the Club's Cash Sweep Offices are as follows:—

Queen's Building, Chater Road and 5, D'Aguiar Street, Hong Kong on:—

Week-days, Mondays to Fridays 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Saturday, 20th February 9 a.m. to 12.30 p.m.

Saturday 27th February, Wednesday 2nd and Saturday 5th March 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

King's Road, North Point, Hong Kong and 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon on:—

Week-days, Mondays to Fridays 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday 20th February 9 a.m. to 11.45 a.m.

Saturday 27th February, Wednesday 2nd and Saturday 5th March CLOSED.

By Order of the Stewards,
A. E. ARNOLD,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 26th February, 1960.

NEW SUBSCRIPTION PONIES MAKE THEIR DEBUTS IN THE THREE SECTIONS OF THE HOPEFUL STAKES

The stage is all set for the Hongkong Jockey Club's 9th (Annual) Race Meeting, which starts at noon tomorrow and continues on Wednesday, March 2, and Saturday, March 5.

There are 10 events each day and the tiffin interval is after the fourth race (1.30 p.m.). The fifth race begins at 3.00 p.m.

The fine weather of the past few days has rendered the grass track fairly hard, and it can be maintained, we may confidently expect to witness some very keen racing.

The day's programme consists of 10 events, most interesting of which will be the three sections of the Hopeful Stakes.

These events will serve to introduce the new Australian subscription ponies to the public.

Here are my estimates of the chances:

FIRST RACE

Hopeful Stakes (First Section): One Mile.

The curtain rises with this event for the first lot of Australian subscription ponies.

I don't think I shall be far wrong in stating that the ponies to watch are Fenella (Chun Kit), Vanessa (P. Plumby) and Fire Chief (C. Y. Wong).

Fenella is good and it will not surprise many to see it

come in first.

Vanessa is also dangerous and Fire Chief may spring a surprise as this pony is undoubtedly good.

SECOND RACE

Jockey Cup: From 2 Mile Post.

Novice jockeys will have this race all to themselves and will be given Class 5 ponies as their mounts.

The calibre of Limelight (J. S. C. Neel) is well known and it is win in the Curragh Handicap (First Section) over the mile at the 6th Race Meeting must rate it as the pony to win this race.

Opposition should come from Elegance (Sam Show) and Not So Bad (Chun Kit).

Jara (H. Fatty) and Bonny Boy (Robert Luk) are good to follow as outsiders only.

THIRD RACE

Hopeful Stakes (Second Section): One Mile.

This race is for the second section of the new Australian subscription ponies and on their training form I believe that the winner will come from among Honesty Bird (A. Ostroff) and Crystal Clear (C. Y. Wong) and Virtuoso (T. H. Yau).

Honesty Bird has been whispered as the likely winner in this race in the absence of Ben Loyal.

Crystal Clear and Virtuoso are good, but I am afraid they are not good enough against the above-mentioned pony.

FOURTH RACE

Southern Handicap: From 1 1/2 Mile Post.

This race for Class 8 ponies over the short-sprint distance, Ding Dong (Wellington Loh) is the obvious choice for first place.

Think Wise Leader (K. Kwok) is the only other pony among the entries to challenge it.

For those who are looking for an outsider, I suggest Twin Luck (Chun Kit).

Hiram C (J. M. da Cruz) should not be overlooked.

FIFTH RACE

Hopeful Stakes (Third Section): One Mile.

This race is for the third section of the new Australian subscription ponies and on their training form I believe that the winner will come from among Honesty Bird (A. Ostroff) and Crystal Clear (C. Y. Wong) and Virtuoso (T. H. Yau).

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In this race Trooper (P. Plumby) and Strong Courage (H. K. Hung) should attract the most attention.

Trooper, in view of its convincing victory with a last quarter of 27-1/5 seconds on February 16, could win.

Strong Courage should be placed.

SIXTH RACE

Old Course Handicap (First Section): From 1 1/4 Mile Post.

This is another sprint event in which Pathfinder (Chun Kit) should be prominent at the finish.

In view of the opposition it should not be fully extended except, perhaps, by Rob Roy (Lai Chun-fai) or Confuser (Wan Shek-ming).

Blue Grass (H. M. Botelho) should be placed, and Okay (Robert Tai) is the outsider here.

SEVENTH RACE

P. & O. Cup: From 2 Mile Post.

Prominent View (H. C. Woo), having hit winning form, can make it two in a row over this distance.

Chia Tse Loong (Robert Tai) is good for this distance and will take a lot of beating.

Vanity Fair (P. Plumby) also has been very consistent of late in training and has a very rosy chance of success.

Edinburgh (Starr Liu) and Maytime (A. Ostroff) are fit enough and could easily cause an upset here.

EIGHTH RACE

Victoria Handicap: Six Furlongs.

The first lot of Class 2 ponies will get together for this event, and it looks as if the finish will be fought out among Grand Moment (K. Kwok), Jingle Bell (A. Ostroff), and Satellite (Alvin Chan).

Grand Moment will undoubtedly be made hot favourite and, judging from training form, it should certainly have a good chance in winning.

Jingle Bell is hitting it at the moment and with a bit of

luck at the gates, it may give Grand Moment a good run for the first position.

For the third position Satellite is the choice, but I recommend keeping an eye on Jingle Bell.

NINTH RACE

Western Handicap: 1 1/4 Miles.

Alex's Gift (Chun Kit) certainly disappointed the last time out, but should make ample amends for its defeat at the last meeting.

Gay Sir (K. Kwok) is very fit and ought to have some say at the finish.

Tornado (A. Ostroff) will certainly not be too far behind the leaders at the finish.

TENTH RACE

Victoria Handicap (Second Section): Six Furlongs.

This is the final event of the first day and is confined to the Second Section of Class 2 ponies.

Permanent View (H. C. Pih) appears to have the best recommendation for a win here.

A good fight should ensue between Vint Et Un (H. M. Botelho) and Wellington (Chun Kit) for the minor positions.

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Cut this out and take it to the races tomorrow for your guidance

Starters, Weights And Riders

Starters, weights and riders for tomorrow's Happy Valley race meeting are given below. This list is based on the most up-to-date information available. As an additional guide to form, the placings of the ponies in their last three starts will be found on the left hand side of their names.

The names of ponies are all listed according to the positions drawn. The first named pony has drawn the No. 1 position, the second named the No. 2 and so on.

12.00 Noon, Race 1

Finland wins Olympic skiing relay in a pulsating finish

RUSSIA TAKES HER SIXTH GOLD MEDAL

Squaw Valley, Feb. 25.

A pulsating finish in the 40 kilometres cross-country skiing relay, won by Finland by a couple of metres from Norway, was the highlight of the Winter Olympic Games here today. Veikko Hakulinen, 35-year-old Finnish forest technician, snatched the gold medal for Finland — their first of the Games — by a superb last lap of ten kilometres which he started 20 seconds in arrears.

DRAMATIC WIN BY U.S. IN ICE-HOCKEY

Squaw Valley, Feb. 25. The United States scored an unexpected and dramatic victory over Canada by two goals to one (period scores one to zero, one to zero, one to one) in the final pool of the Olympic ice-hockey tournament here this afternoon.

This win may prove to have given the United States the gold medals and world title. The Americans are now the only team with a maximum of six points. The Soviet Union has five and Canada four. Robert Cleary scored for the U.S. in the first period and Paul Johnson made it 2-0 in the second. James Connelly scored for Canada in the final period. — Reuters.

Russia through

Squaw Valley, Feb. 25. Russia, the defending champions, who are scrambling for third place in the Olympic Hockey Tournament, defeated West Germany 7-1 today. Both teams played rough hockey at the finish, but left the game amicably. The Soviets, held to a 2-2 tie by Sweden on Wednesday, played without their top stars — goalie Nikolai Pechkov, captain Nikolai Sologubov and the deadly shooting wing-man Konstantin Loktev.

The Russian coach apparently was saving his ace for Russia's battle with the United States on Saturday. — AP.

Sports Diary

TO-DAY

DBS annual sports day, school ground, 11.30 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (Clement Middle School annual sports, SCAA stadium, noon to 4 p.m.)

Tennis

Colony grass court tennis at HKCC, 5.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW

Hockey
First day of Annual Meeting, Happy Valley, Noon.
KQV School annual athletic meeting, school ground, 2 p.m.
Ladies' Gremlin Cup: St George's v Victorians (KQV) 4 p.m.

Cricket
1st Division: Brigade v CCC, IRC v Optima, RSC v RSC, RSC v RSC, RSC v RSC.
2nd Division: Brigade v University, IAF v PDS, Centuria v IRC, RSC v KCC.
3rd Division: Eastern v South China (CH) 4 p.m.; Army v Police (BS) 4 p.m.
4th Division: Eastern v Police (BS) 2.30 p.m.; Army v Police (BS) 2.30 p.m.
5th Division: Tai Koo v TAFE (Navy) 3.30 p.m.; Caroline Hill v AFS (Navy) 4 p.m.; Prisoners v Gymnasium (Stanley) 4 p.m.; IAF v RSC v Telephone (HIV) 4 p.m.
6th Division: Post Office v St Joseph's (HIV) 4 p.m.; Dodwell v Tramways (HIV) 2.30 p.m.; Siu Ying v Rediffusion (HIV) 2.30 p.m.; B & S v C & W (HIV) 4 p.m.; Five-One-Seven v Mercantile (HIV) 4 p.m.; University v Kin Godown (Foktulan) 4 p.m.

CHESS

by LEONARD BARDEN

The following game (Feigin-Montecelli, Munich 1930) is almost unique in chess history: the white QB blockade the whole black force single-handed. 1 P-Q4, Kt-KB3; 2 P-QB4, Kt-KB3; 3 P-K3, Kt-KB3; 4 Q-B2, P-B4; 5 P-Kt-B3; 6 Kt-KB3; 7 B-K5, Kt-QB7 (fatal loss of time); correct is P-QB4; 8 Kt-K5, B-Kt3; 9 P-R4, BxKt ch; 10 QxKt; Castles; 11 P-K5, Kt-K5; 12 BxQ, Kt-Q; 13 B-K7, R-K1; 14 B-B3, Kt-R3; 15 P-QB3, Kt-R3; 16 P-K3, Kt-R3; 17 B-Q4 (forced, otherwise White wins a piece by P-QB4-5); 18 B-B7, R-R3; 19 B-B8, Kt-Q4; 20 BxR, R-B3; 21 B-B7, R-B3; 22 P-K3, Kt-R3; 23 R-Q0, Resigns.

Solution No. 8774: 1 Q-K17 (threat 2 RxQ7) Kt-Q3; 2 Rx7, or 1. Rx7; 3 BxKt. or 1. Rx7; 4 BxKt.

Nominate YOUR HONGKONG FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR

Members of the public are invited to nominate Hongkong's Footballer of the Year for the current season.

It is a popularity poll organised by the China Mail, and nomination coupons will be accepted until the closing date to be announced later.

The two qualifications for nomination are:

- (1) Footballing prowess.
- (2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to the Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street.

To the Editor, China Mail,
My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into account his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play, is:

of the Club.

(Signed)

(NOTE: No person is allowed to vote more than once in this poll)

Denmark wins Uber Cup zone final

Copenhagen, Feb. 25. Denmark won the European Zone final of the Uber Cup women's badminton competition by defeating Ireland by six matches to one here tonight.

The Danes won three singles and three doubles and Ireland the remaining doubles match.

In the Inter-Zone ties, Denmark will meet India and Canada will play New Zealand. The winners of the Inter-Zone final will challenge the holders, United States, for the trophy at Philadelphia on April 9. — Reuters.

Medal standings

Squaw Valley, Feb. 25.

The Soviet Union topped all the other nations with its bag of six gold, three silver and seven bronze medals after today's Men's 5,000 Metres Ice-Speed Skating and 40 Kilometre Ski Cross Country Relay of the Eighth Olympic Winter Games here.

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Soviet Union	6	3	7
Germany	3	3	0
Sweden	2	2	0
Switzerland	2	0	0
United States	1	3	3
Norway	1	3	0
Austria	1	2	2
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Holland	0	1	1
Italy	0	0	1

—AP.

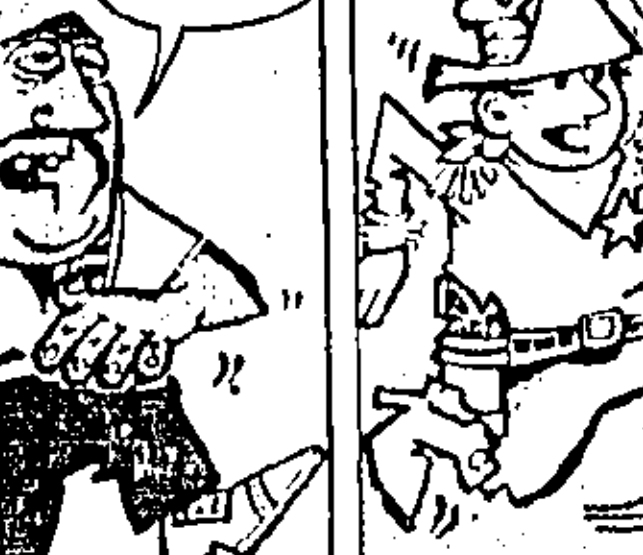
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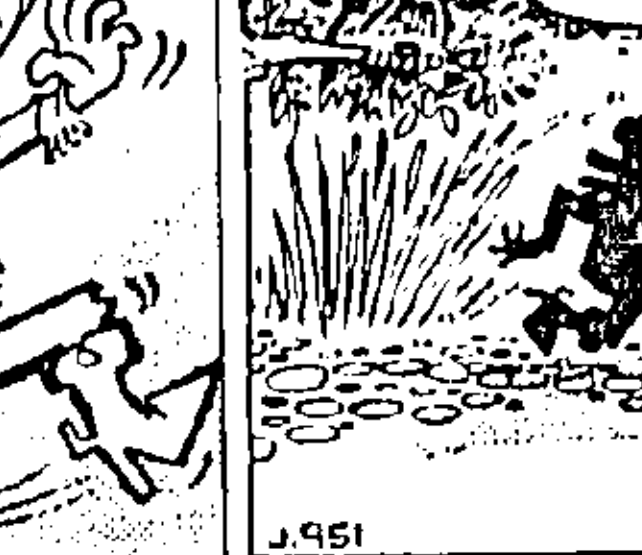
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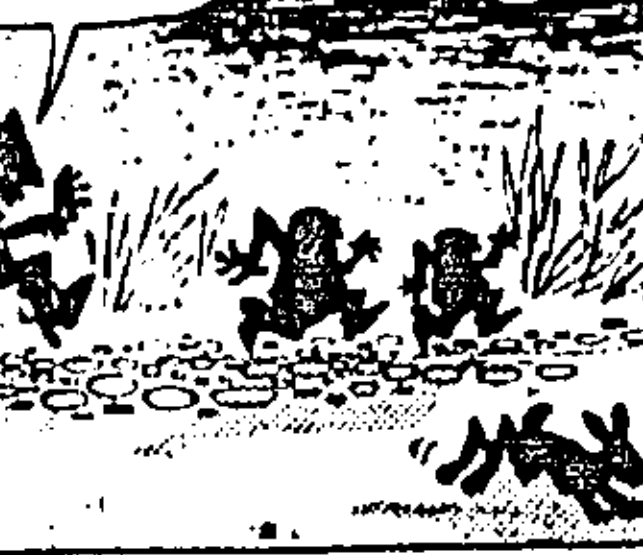
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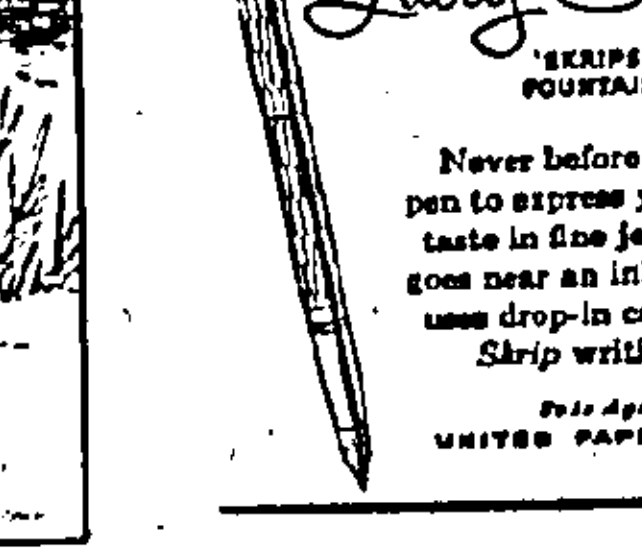
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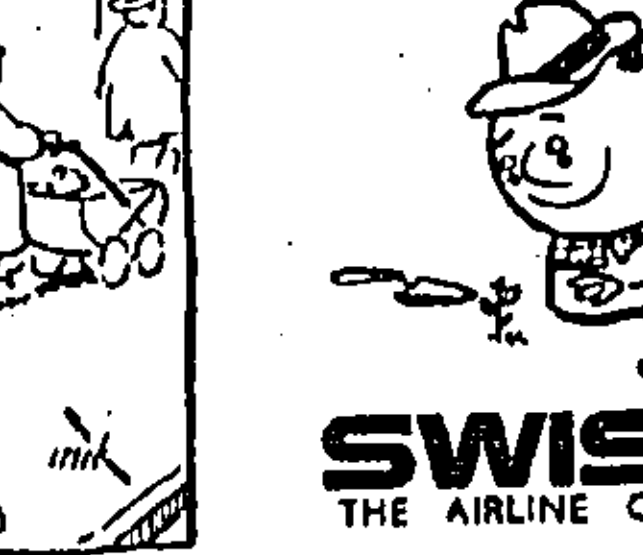
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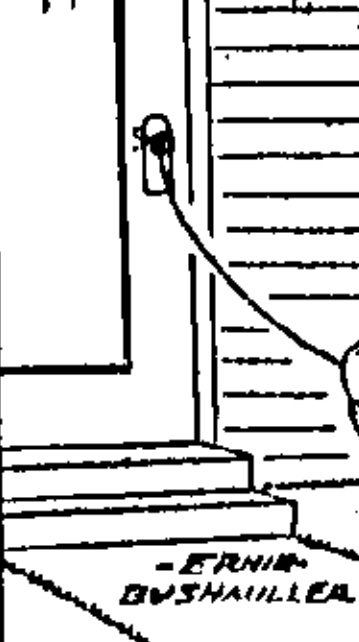
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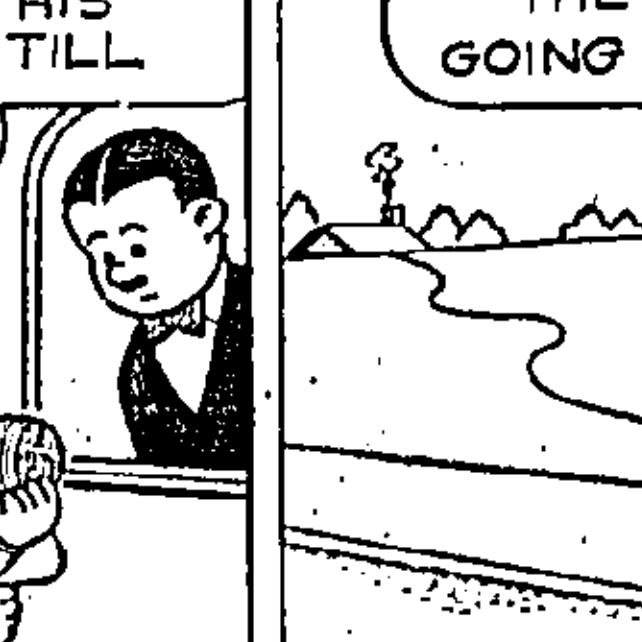
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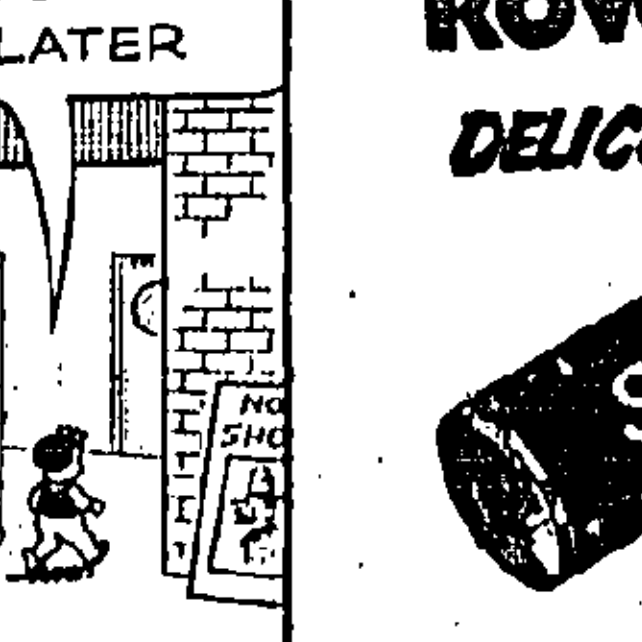
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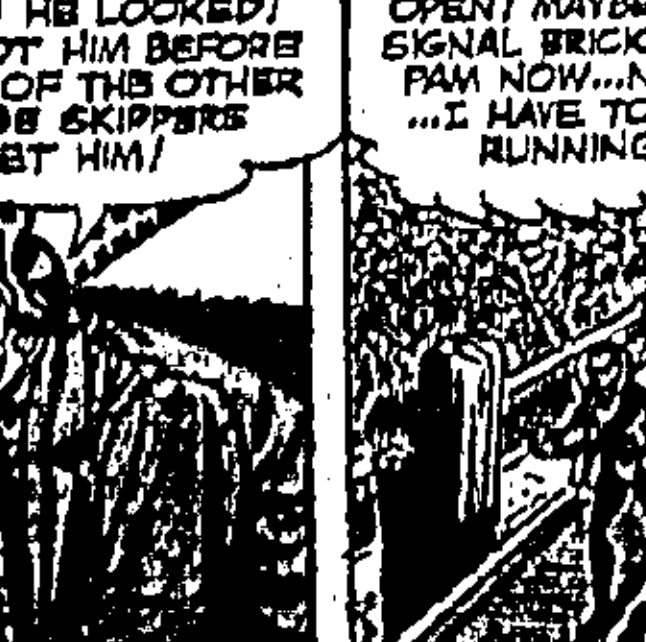
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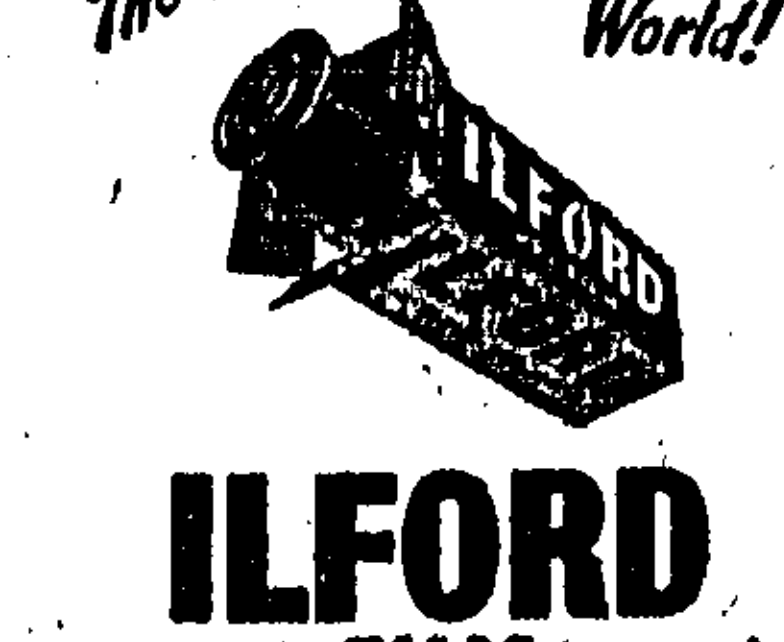
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INTERNATIONAL RUGBY

France will be out for revenge against England on Saturday

By JOHN COTTRELL

The England rugby XV who have already beaten Wales and Ireland can go one step further to achieving the "grand slam" when they meet France at Colombes Stadium in Paris on Saturday.

Already favoured to win the Triple Crown and Calcutta Cup, England will now defeat the title-holding Frenchmen for the first time in their history.

Everything points to a tense, keenly-fought battle: Both sides are undefeated with everything to gain. And no victory would be more palatable to both French supporters and players.

Never forgotten

France has never forgotten how completely her rugby men were overwhelmed the last time the English team saw Paris. After that 14-0 hammering, the French team left the field to jeers and boos and thousands of fans shouted for a new fifteen and new selectors.

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that great French revival: victory over England. Without the inspiration of their great leader Lucien Mias, they were held last season to a 3-3 draw at Twickenham.

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England will never have a more fortunate escape than they had against Ireland and their display confirmed my two suspicions:

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Now the little fellows in tennis can get back into the game

New York, Feb. 25.

The car hummed through the Carolina night and the two men spoke but little. Then the short, dark-featured one sat up straight and his voice was decisive as it broke the silence.

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WATER

Industries to hold meeting next week

By A CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Hongkong business and industrial circles voiced objection to the rise in the price of water announced by Government on Wednesday.

Most concerned are tea-houses, cafes, restaurants, bathing establishments, laundries, barbershops, soft drink plants, food preserving and canning factories, dyeing and other textile finishing plants.

These trades use large quantities of water every day.

Speaking on their behalf, Mr. Robert Derr, Chairman of the Kowloon Chamber of Commerce, told the China Mail that the 40 members represented in his Chamber would hold a meeting next week to discuss the matter.

Excessive

Mr. Derr did not object to the rise in tobacco duty but he thought the 50 per cent increase in the petrol duty was "somewhat excessive."

"Petrol is not merely for pleasure and luxury but it is necessary for transport in business and trade," said Mr. Derr. "It underlies the cost of every line of production and service in the Colony," he said. "A 25 per cent rise would be best," he added.

Mr. Chu Shek-lun, President of the Chinese Manufacturers' Association, told the China Mail that the rise in the price of water, though apparently small, actually constituted a hindrance to the Colony's industry.

"It works directly and indirectly to handicap our budding industrial economy," he pointed out.

"It not only directly adds to the cost of production making the goods dearer but indirectly adds to the cost of living of the workers who will demand higher wages. This, in turn, adds to the cost of production in a vicious cycle."

And the tea-houses? "We are going to add a little to the charges just to cover ourselves," one informant said.

Hung Hom Bay reclamation

The Governor in Council has authorised the reclamation of a further 24 acres of Crown forest land and seabed in Hung Hom Bay for development purposes. The area to be reclaimed is situated to the east of the Technical College.

Search for steel mill site continues

CHINA MAIL REPORTER

Hongkong businessmen are still looking for a suitable site for the proposed \$22.5 million steel mill, a joint enterprise between local and Japanese steel concerns.

Construction of the mill is expected to start in two months time.

"We need a space of at least 300,000 square feet," said a spokesman for the Hongkong Metal Enterprises Ltd. this morning.

"But so far we have been able to find sites of not more than 100,000 square feet. We are still undecided and will continue our search," he said.

"A number of Japanese technicians will come to Hongkong in mid-March to help decide on a site and sign a contract with us," he informed.

When completed, the mill will turn out constructional metals from scrap iron obtained through shipbreaking in Hongkong. Later it will employ furnaces to produce steel sheets and wire rods.

Big opium haul confiscated

Central Magistrate Mr. Derek Cons this morning granted an application for the confiscation of 308 lbs of raw opium worth \$300,000 which was seized on board an airplane from Ventana, Laos, on February 16 at Kai Tak.

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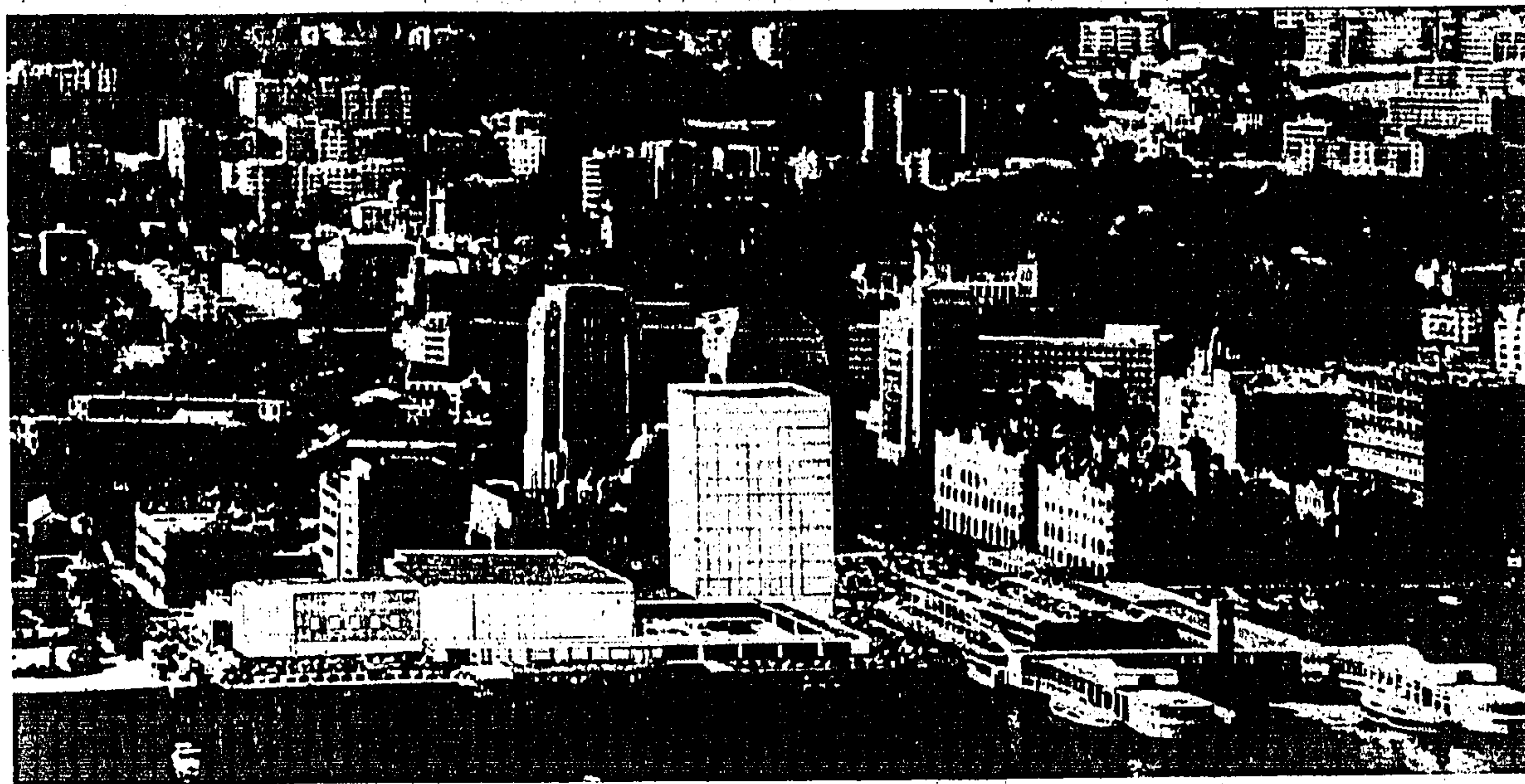
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PRICE RISE PROTEST



GLIMPSE OF THE FUTURE

The China Mail gives you this glimpse of the future showing what the waterfront will be like when the new City Hall buildings are completed at the end of next year. — China Mail Photo.

Government appointments gazetted

The Government Gazette announced today the following appointments, promotions, transfers and postings:

Mr. T. D. Sorby to be Principal Assistant Colonial Secretary and Establishment Officer.

Mr. M. Morley-John to be Principal Crown Counsel on proceeding on leave; Mr. J. C. McRobert to act as Principal Crown Counsel.

Mr. Leung Fung-ki, Senior Education Officer, to act as Assistant Director of Education; Dr. A. D. Peggs, Education Officer, to act as Senior Education Officer.

Dr. E. J. Robertson to be a Pathologist; Dr. Richard Yu Yue-hong to be a Medical Officer; Dr. J. W. B. Palmer to be a Health Officer.

Mr. D. H. Taylor and Mr. A. Morrison, Superintendents of Police, to act as Senior Superintendents of Police.

Mr. R. C. Symons to be Administrative Assistant, New Territories.

Miss E. M. Stewart to be Housing Manager, Hongkong Housing Authority; Mr. W. E. Collard to be Secretary Housing Authority.

Mr. J. V. G. Mitchell to be Secretary to the Urban Council, vice Mr. J. W. Ferris.

Pensionable
The Gazette added that confirmation of the following officers to the permanent and pensionable establishment has been approved:

Miss J. E. A. Ward and Miss M. P. Taylor, school mistresses; Mr. A. Magdallino, education officer; Dr. Wong Kwok-on and Dr. Yau Meng-chow, medical officers; Mr. Li Han-wing, engineer; and Mr. G. C. Dovey, Architect.

Boy Scout chief
Mr. Stephen Wong, Deputy Colony Commissioner of the Boy Scouts Association, Hongkong Branch, has been appointed to act as Colony Commissioner during the absence on leave of Mr. J. W. Cockburn, the Government Gazette notified today.

St Joseph's College
The Rev. Brother Brendan J. Dunne has been appointed Director in Hongkong of St Joseph's College, the Government Gazette notified today.

Shipwrecked

Reference, Mr. Andrew Fleming, and his misfortune on his capsize catamaran. Typical Chinese aversiveness personified.

Dividing a bargain with a disgraced seaman. East is East and West is West.

"MAINSAIL HAUL"
REPLIES
T.P.—Pointless.—Ed.

Addict jailed for injuring man who said 'No' to loan

A paint-scraper who wounded his brother-in-law during a quarrel, was sentenced to two months' jail by Central Magistrate Mr. Derek Cons this morning.

Poon Kong-sing, the defendant, pleaded guilty.

Inspector T. Y. Yip said Poon, a drug addict, had been scolded by his brother-in-law when he visited him yesterday to ask for a small loan.

Campoli here
Mr. Alfredo Campoli, world-famous violinist, arrived in Hongkong late last night. He will give a concert on Sunday night.

Unofficial JP
Professor F. E. Stock has been appointed an Unofficial Justice of the Peace, the Government Gazette notified today.

Inland revenue
Mr. Fung Kam-chung has been appointed to be a Member of the Inland Revenue Board of Review, the Government Gazette notified today.

New consul
Mr. Ignacio Aguirre, Doña has been provisionally recognised as Consul for Cuba at Hongkong, the Government Gazette notified today.

Traffic committee
Mr. H. E. Turner has been appointed to be a Member of the Traffic Advisory Committee during the absence of Major I. G. F. Charvillat, the Government Gazette notified today.

Hongkong sitting on artesian lake?

By A China Mail Reporter

Hongkong could be on top of a big artesian lake, a New York economist and amateur geologist said on his departure today.

He is Mr. Henry Wellings who left the Colony this morning by P&O for Tokyo after a three day stop-over.

"It's happened before. And from what I've seen that's Hongkong's biggest problem," Mr. Wellings said.

"Although I didn't get time to make any concrete tests I have seen the same kind of topography and soil yielding artesian water before," he said.

Mr. Wellings said that although he didn't speak to any geologists here he understood that there hadn't been any extensive testing of Hongkong, especially in the New Territories for artesian sources.

Well spent
"Whatever the result, the tests would be money well spent," he said.

"Imagine if, after all this struggle for water it is found that there are vast quantities of artesian water."

"When I return to the States next month I will give a full report to the local geology society to which I belong and some advice may be able to be returned here on the question of artesian water."

Judge doubts 'voluntary' statements
Chiu Ngai-ming, 19, was released from custody by Judge W. F. Pickering at the Victoria District Court this morning.

The judge ruled that there was no proof of Chiu having taken part with three other men in a robbery of clothing and a camera on November 24 last, at 12 Third Street, Hongkong.

The judge also ruled that a signed statement made by Chiu Ngai-ming, and one made by Tse Kwong-chuen on the night of the crime were inadmissible as evidence, as there was doubt as to their having been given voluntarily.

Mr. Terence Shurlock, instructed by Peter Mo and Co., acted for the fourth accused, Chiu Ngai-ming, who was released.

Mr. Shurlock is also acting on the instructions of P. L. Lam and Co., for the first and second accused in the case, Chiu Shui-hin 16, and Wu Yiu-hung 19, but he said this morning that he did not propose to call any evidence on their behalf.

Submissions without jury

The jury in a Criminal Sessions murder trial were dismissed until next Monday by Mr. Justice W. A. Blair-Kerr this morning, when defence counsel indicated that he would prefer the jury to be absent while he made submissions.

Before the court is Mok Mo, 32, who pleads not guilty to a charge of murdering a woman, Tse Ping, on November 24. The woman was found seriously injured on the Queen Elizabeth Hospital site at King's Park, Kowloon, and later died of her wounds.

Mr. Oswald Cheung, who is defending the accused, reserved his cross-examination of three prosecution witnesses who testified that Mok had made certain statements under caution at the time of his arrest and when he was charged with murder.

Mr. D. N. E. Rea and Mr. W. S. W. Wilson, Crown Counsel, are prosecuting, and Mr. Cheung is instructed by Mr. M. Wong of Messrs. Beckett.

Eight are naturalised
The Government Gazette notified today that the following have been granted certificates of naturalisation:

Miss Yeung Kwai-lau, nurse and midwife, 159 Queen's Road, Central, second floor.

Mr. John Hsiao Yel-yen, company shipping manager, 51 Granville Road, third floor.

Mr. Conway Wong Hong-kwok, interpreter, 22B Belcher Gardens, West Point.

Miss Olga Zarutskaya, dentist, Room 331 Repulse Bay Hotel.

Mr. Sidney Chang Jen-chieh, accountant, 12 Ching Wah Street, first floor.

Mr. Chan Kam-yuen, clerk, Flat 1109, 16 Tong Shui Road, North Point Estate.

Dr. Orr Wing-yam, doctor, Queen Mary Hospital.

Mr. Alex Wu Shu-chih, merchant, 21 Oxford Road.

Eighteen people were killed, 125 seriously and 50 slightly injured in 617 traffic accidents in January. Of the accidents, 240 occurred in Hongkong, 280 in Kowloon and 97 in the New Territories.

OVER 42,000 VEHICLES REGISTERED

Over 42,000 vehicles of all types were registered here at the end of last month.

According to statistics published in today's Government Gazette, the total includes 27,329 private cars, 2,872 motor cycles, 783 motor buses, 853 public rickshaws, nine trailers and four sedan chairs.

The number of licensed drivers of motor vehicles stood at 103,710—20 less than the total at the end of December, 1959.

A total of 1,347 provisional drivers were licensed and 1,384 driving tests authorised at the end of January.

January births
Births registered in January totalled 8,440, including 8,394 Chinese, and 46 non-Chinese.

This funny world

"Do you know if anyone has seen a diary? I returned it by mistake."

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25 years AGO

February, 1935

It is learned authoritatively that all the registered Chinese brothels in Hongkong and Yau-matli have been notified by the Secretariat of Chinese Affairs that they must close down not later than June 30, 1935.

This notification has been anticipated by those in business, since the Government made clear its determination to suppress prostitution in Hongkong some three years ago.

Since then many registered brothels in West Point and Yau-matli have suspended business.

The former scores of registered houses in these two "red light" districts have been reduced to only a few in each place, with a total of between 200 and 300 inmates.

By July 1, the last of the licensed houses will have gone, marking the termination of the process of gradual elimination which commenced with the closing of the European and Japanese places some three years ago.

Provisional arrangements are now well in hand for the celebration of the King's Silver Jubilee in Hongkong, the numerous details in connection with which have been engaging the attention of the various subcommittees charged with devising appropriate plans.

In order to meet the cost of the celebrations the Legislative Council is to be asked to vote a sum of \$10,000.

EXTRACT from the SCM Post's 25 Years Ago column: "On Sunday, Kowloon will witness a novelty. The gangs of coolies employed in the pulling of the conservancy carts are to have their places taken by bullocks, two bullocks to each cart."

"The step has been talked of by the authorities for a long time but was brought to a head at China New Year when the coolies refused to work unless they were paid the exorbitant wage of a dollar a day."

"There will be no wage or New Year question in the case of the bullocks."

Hongkong had its first view on Saturday night of the daring Fan Dance, which was introduced by Patricia Nelson as the final number in her extensive repertoire at the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

This daring dance was popularised by Sally Rand at the Chicago World Exposition.